

MIRROR CASE

Unique ID: NMGW-37D49E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Medieval cast copper alloy cased mirror of late 13th to mid 14th century date

The mirror is fragmentary, comprising the incomplete half of the case (with an overall length of 44.5mm and a weight of 6.6g). The case was hinged with double perforated lugs (6.1mm deep, 7.0mm long, 6.7mm wide, 1.0mm - 1.8mm thick and with a perforation diameter of 3.0mm). On the opposite side of the case is a catch, comprising a single lug (4.7mm deep, 6.4mm long and 2.4mm thick) with a notch on its lower edge. The case has a flange (3.6mm deep) around its edge and the flange on the complete side has a transverse rib (giving a width of 33.9mm). The flat circular face of the case (32.3mm diameter) is decorated with ribs defined by punched triangle or rectangles on each side. The decoration comprises a border, at the centre of which is a cross and between each arm is a triangle with a central vertice. The interior of the case is undecorated with no evidence for a surviving adhesive. The surface has a dark-green to brown patina.

The cased mirror can be closely paralleled with three examples excavated in London (Egan & Pritchard, 1991, p 361-2, nos. 1714-6), all from contexts dating between 1270 to 1350.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 44.5 mm

Width: 33.9 mm

Thickness: 2.4 mm

Weight: 6.6 g

Diameter: 32.3 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NMWPA 2013.90.1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Other

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Wales](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [the Vale of Glamorgan](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [the Vale of Glamorgan](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Barry](#) (Community)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST1169

Four figure Latitude: 51.41300897

Four figure longitude: -3.28112549

1:25K map: ST1169

1:10K map: ST16NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Egan, G. and Pritchard, F., 1991 [*Dress Accessories, c.1150-c.1450 \(Medieval Finds from Excavations in London 3\) \(1991\)*](#) London: Stationery Office Books