

SEAL MATRIX

Unique ID: WILT-72BF24

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy medieval seal matrix dating to the period c. AD 1250 - 1300. The seal matrix is a pointed oval shape and features a D-shaped integral pierced lug on the reverse. There is a longitudinal ridge extending from the bottom of the pierced loop to the tip of the seal matrix on the reverse.

The matrix depicts a pelican in her piety, the pelican piercing its own breast to feed its chicks in a nest below, the nest resting in the upper branches of a larger branch. Surrounding the central motif is the legend [...] DEVM TIM ET The pelican in her piety is a motif known to be a symbol of Christ's sacrifice to mankind.

The majority of pointed oval shaped personal matrices appear to date from the mid to late 13th century (Cf. Harvey & McGuinness 1996: 79-88).

The seal matrix measures 29.41mm in length, 17.21mm maximum width, 2.58mm minimum width and is 3.03mm thick, not including the pierced lug and 5.82mm thick including the pierced lug. It weighs 6.45g.

Cf. BUC-EE13A4, IHS-6720D3, IHS-7B4697 & HAMP-F1A5D8 for similar examples on the database.

Inscription: [...] DEVM TIM ET

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1250

Date to: Circa AD 1300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 29.41 mm

Width: 17.21 mm

Thickness: 5.82 mm

Weight: 6.45 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 4255

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Hullavington](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST8975

Four figure Latitude: 51.47385335

Four figure longitude: -2.15976825

1:25K map: ST8975

1:10K map: ST87NE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.