

VESSEL

Unique ID: BH-788A73

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Lead frieze from German (?) stoneware vessel. Very similar in form to the lead plaques used on 16th C. vessels (see ref.), but could conceivably be up to 19th C. in date. The decoration depicts scenes of famous Swiss landmarks and historical figures. It measures 74.8mm long by 35.8mm high. The piece would originally have been circular in order to form a collar, but has been squashed flat. It has also been broken in two by the finder. The decoration is raised and is elaborate in form. It is described as side 1 (picture 1) and side 2 (picture 2). Side 1 has three decorated cells, the limits of each being marked by Renaissance style floral decoration. These are described left to right. Cell 1 depicts a knight, possibly in armour. He is standing, facing left, with a spear in his right hand and a shield in his left. The upper sides of the shield are concave on both sides. It has a cross in the centre on a background of narrow vertical lines. Below the picture is a worn inscription which reads "ELV...DA". Cell 2 is wider. On the left hand side is a man (knight ?) facing right, with a spear in his right hand. He is holding hands with a second figure on the right (possibly, though due to break, it is uncertain). This second figure is facing left, leaning backwards and is holding his right arm in the air. He has a garment draped over his right shoulder. The inscription below is damaged but may read "SIHWURT (?)". Cell 3 has, on its left hand side, a temple/folly with 3 columns, sitting in front of trees. It is possibly overlooking a lake. The inscription is damaged and may read "TEM[PLE ?] APPEL...." Cell 3 continues onto side 2, although there is nothing else to the design on side 2. Cell 4 has a depiction of William Tell. He is facing right and pointing a bow and arrow. The inscription below reads "TELL". Cell 5 shows a lion. It is lying down and facing left. The inscription below reads "LUZERN". Cell 6 shows a castle, partially obscured by trees and with mountains in the background. The inscription below reads "CHILLON". Chateau Chillon is located on the banks of Lake Geneva.

Class: Frieze

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: with finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1900

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 74.8 mm

Width: 35.8 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 14th March 2004

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: Ver entry no. 04/76

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead

Manufacture method: Cast

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)

District: [Cherwell](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP5929

Four figure Latitude: 51.956366

Four figure longitude: -1.142836

1:25K map: SP5929

1:10K map: SP52NE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: with finder

Gaimster, D.R.M., 1997 [German Stoneware 1200-1900](#) London: British Museum Press 340 ,