

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Unique ID: IOW-3E25A3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper-alloy unidentified object, possibly a mount, of probable post-Medieval date (c. 1700-c. 1900).

It is sub-oval in plan and in the form of a cherubic male face with a hollow rear. It has curls forming the hair. The eyes are deeply set beneath a relatively prominent brow, and the nose, mouth and chin are all quite small and close together. The cheeks are prominent and rounded, which give the face its cherubic appearance. There is a break just below the chin. The rear face has no obvious means of attachment.

This object is reddish brown with tiny flecks of green patina.

Height: 20.3mm; width: 21.5mm; thickness: 4.8mm. Weight: 3.36g.

The dating of cherubic mounts is often problematic since similar devices are utilised in both the Roman and Post-Medieval to Modern periods. However, the overall appearance of the hair and face, indicate that it is likely to be post-Medieval in date and therefore probably from the 18th-20th centuries AD.

Similar objects have been recorded on The Portable Antiquities Scheme database. See finds: **BUC-B81DF4**; **DEV-CBB5E4**; **SF-F2C6E6**; **SF-4BE493**; **SF8645**; **SF-8DBEE6**; **SF-FAF633** and **SF-FE380A**.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1700

Date to: Circa AD 1900

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 20.3 mm

Width: 21.5 mm

Thickness: 4.8 mm

Weight: 3.36 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 18th January 2015 - Sunday 18th January 2015

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2015-2-93

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Isle of Wight

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Cub rally

Current location: finder

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m