

TOKEN

Unique ID: LVPL-1533AC

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A lead brothel token of post-medieval date. It is a flat, rectangular token with a raised border and depicts two naked figures performing a sexual act. The reverse is undecorated.

The scene shows a tree or cave wall emerging from the ground on the right-hand side of the scene. The top of the tree/cave is formed of five raised oval pellets. Standing on the ground and beneath the canopy area, a male and female figure are depicted engaged in sexual intercourse. The female's buttocks are pressed against the tree/cave side, and she is supporting her weight on one leg (her right leg) while the left leg is raised and supported by the cradling arm of the male. Her upper torso is leaning forward, kissing the male and her arms appear to be wrapped around the back of the man. The male stands on both feet, the right leg bent slightly back, his arm cradling the woman's left leg as his phallus penetrates the woman. The reverse is undecorated and flat.

The bawdy or erotic scene depicted can be found on pipe tampers such as WMID-786656, NCL-739535, SF-EE2934, SUR-9657B6 and WILT-FE9706.

If not a scene portraying rustic romance, it may be depicting the consummation of Aeneas and Dido in the cave during a hunt while caught in a storm. The background scene may be a cave or a forest, the cave being the actual location of the consummation, the forest alluding to the hunt during which the episode took place. If the latter, this would place the pipe tamber in both the classicizing examples of such objects, as well as the bawdy.

The object has a dark grey patina.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1700

Date to: Circa AD 1900

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 53.62 mm

Width: 39.42 mm

Thickness: 6.4 mm

Weight: 114.43 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st January 2015 - Saturday 31st January 2015

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Justine Biddle

Identified by: Miss Justine Biddle

Secondary identifier: Ms Vanessa Oakden

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

To be known as: Mostyn

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Whilst metal detecting with landowners permission

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined