

DRESS FASTENER (DRESS)

Unique ID: KENT-3A0945

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress pin of c. AD 1500-1600 date.. The pin is in the form of a trefoil plate applied with three hemispherical bosses. The bosses are decorated with filigree decoration and knops. A hole in the centre of trefoil-shaped backplate suggest there was originally a separate flower-head element attached to the front. Traces of gilding remain on both surfaces. The reverse of the dress hook is undecorated. There are a separate silver bar and hook soldered onto the reverse.

The hook is 16.9mm long, 13.7mm wide, 4.7mm thick and weighs 2.12 grams.

Complete examples can be seen in Gaimster, D., et al, 'Tudor Silver-Gilt Dress-Hooks', The Antiquaries Journal, 2002, Vol. 82, pp. 157-196, fig. 5, p. 163. On the reverse is soldered an incurved hook. For similar example see 2005 T142, HAMP-C1FA5 and 2013T53 [KENT-69E9B3](#).

Notes:

The find contains a minimum of 10% silver and predates 1712. It thus qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996 in terms of precious metal content and age.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2015T297

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 16.9 mm

Width: 13.7 mm

Thickness: 4.7 mm

Weight: 2.12 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Jennifer Jackson

Identified by: Miss Jennifer Jackson

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2015T297

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Gilded

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Ashford](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ8927

Four figure Latitude: 51.01132327

Four figure longitude: 0.69288219

1:25K map: TQ8927

1:10K map: TQ82NE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Gaimster, D., Hayward, M., Mitchell, D. and Parker, K., 2002 [Tudor silver-gilt dress-hooks: A new class of treasure find in England](#) London: The Society of Antiquaries