THIMBLE

Unique ID: DUR-B1AFC6

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete lead palm guard of Post-Medieval to Modern date (AD 1600-1950). The object is a rounded oval, D shape in section. The underside has two small circular depressions near the centre. These depressions are believed to have been used to push a needle through a tough material. The object also has a number of linear incisions across its surface.

Leather workers' palm guards are discussed in an article in Gordon Bailey's 'Detector Finds 2', 1993, pages 64-5. Dating of these artefacts is very difficult; the earliest examples seem to date from the 17th century, although they may have been in use right through to the 20th century (Bailey, 1993, page 64).

The metal is a light cream in colour with a smooth patina.

Similar examples can be seen on the Portable Antiquities Database: Unique ID: SWYOR-0E65DB, Unique ID: PUBLIC-A63656, Unique ID: SUR-C563FD and Unique ID: CORN-DDB2E5

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Subperiod from: Middle Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Subperiod to: Late Period to: MODERN Date from: Circa AD 1600 Date to: Circa AD 1950

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 104.09 mm Width: 58.5 mm Thickness: 9.57 mm Weight: 144 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>North East</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>County Durham</u> (Unitary Authority) District: <u>County Durham</u> (Unitary Authority)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: NZ0950 Four figure Latitude: 54.84473219 Four figure longitude: -1.86137668 1:25K map: NZ0950 1:10K map: NZ05SE Grid reference source: From finder Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land Specific landuse: Character undetermined