# **THIMBLE**

Unique ID: DOR-43A55E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy domed thimble. The thimble is complete althoug squashed almost flat. It is of composite construction, comprising a soldered band with a separated domed top (also soldered, The thimble is decorated with chased lines and geometric patterns in place of stamped indentaions. The decoration comproses three pairs of lirregular hexagonal frames with a wheel-like device separating each pair. The fields in and around the frames are infilled with incised horizontal lines divided by short upright nicks creating a pattern similar to brickwork. Each "wheel" contains a saltire cross spanning the diameter with shorter lines at the edges. At the base, above the rim of the thimble is an incised grith line below which is an inscrition which it is suggested reads IOY + LOV (Malcolm Jones pers. comm. 2018). The domed top of the thimble has largely separated from the body as a result of squashing. It is decorated with two opposing circles of incised radiating lines, one from the outer edge and one from an incised circle halfway in from the edge. This inner circle is infilled with a grid of right-angled hatched lines.

Date: Post Medieval - c. 1600 - 1700

Brian Read has commented that this is "a very unusual example of a c.mid 17th-century English composite two-piece copper-alloy thimble".

**Inscription:** IOY + LOV

#### **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 1600 Date to: Circa AD 1700

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 34.12 mm Width: 25.89 mm Thickness: 1.01 mm Weight: 8.22 g

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCMS 016463

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

### Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a href="Dorset">Dorset</a> (County)

District: <a href="East Dorset">East Dorset</a> (District)

Parish or ward: <a href="Pentridge">Pentridge</a> (Civil Parish)

### **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: SU0219

Four figure Latitude: 50.97041344 Four figure longitude: -1.97288971

1:25K map: SU0219 1:10K map: SU01NW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined