

FINGER RING

Unique ID: LANCUM-1CA6A2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete gold and garnet oval shaped finger ring of late medieval date, c. 1300-1500. The hoop flattens and widens towards the shoulders with a central ridge with a central ridge running along the length. The hoop is stretched and broken conducive with being caught and dragged by a plough which is the likely cause. The shoulders are decorated with filigree in the form of one large raised pellet in a raised surrounding band with smaller raised pellets surrounding indicating a 15th century date for the construction. The bezel is simple and plain, oval shaped in plan with pie dished profile with a cabochon shaped dark purple-red gemstone with a bubble and black mineral inclusions indicating an Almandine or Almandine dominated Garnet (Hall 2012, 59). The dark colour likely means that the back of the garnet is flat, a hollow shape would have led to a lighter setting. Similar rings can be found in Egan and Pritchard 1991, no.1613 and 1614, although the shoulders are much thinner on these examples and there is no filigree decoration. The ring is also similar to NM.117. p.46 in Mills. N. 2003. Medieval Artefacts. Witham (Essex): Greenlight Publishing. The length is 35mm, the width is 22mm thickness 4mm and the weight 8.32g. Egan. G, and Pritchard. F. 1991. Dress Accessories: Medieval Finds from Excavations in London. London: The Stationary Office.

C., Hall, 2012. [Gemstones](#) London : Dorling Kindersley,

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Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Sold at Timeline Auctions 2nd September 2019 (Lot 585).

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being disclaimed as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T626

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1300

Date to: Exactly AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 35 mm
Width: 22 mm
Thickness: 4 mm
Weight: 8.32 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 2nd August 2016 - Tuesday 2nd August 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016T626

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Lincolnshire](#) (County)
District: [West Lindsey](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Stow](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SK8981
Four figure Latitude: 53.31845823
Four figure longitude: -0.66544197
1:25K map: SK8981
1:10K map: SK88SE
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Current location: Sold at Timeline Auctions 2nd September 2019 (Lot 585).
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Minimal cultivation