# **SEAL MATRIX**

# Unique ID: BERK-2BC335

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

TREASURE CASE 2016 T764. A slightly damaged silver seal matrix of post-medieval date. The matris has an oval base which is incised with an heraldic lion rampant within a coiled border. The handle of the matrix reduces from a hexagonally faceted base into a collared shank topped by an openwork trefoil handle. Each foil has a small knop on its outer edge. This is a generic seal matrix rather than a personal seal and could have been bought 'off-the-shelf'. It dates from c. 17th century AD.

#### **Discussion:**

Similar items in form have been recorded on the PAS database: BH-ECDDF1 (2015T439), BUC-99256E (2015 T177), FAKL-B5F763 (2012 T477) and DOR-0D2272 (2013 T137).

### Notes:

Consequently, in terms of age and as the object contains a minimum of 10% precious metal it qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996.

## **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Submitted for consideration as Treasure

## **Treasure details**

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T764

#### 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: 15.1 mm Height: 22.1 mm Width: 13.7 mm Weight: 5.1 g

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 5th August 2015

#### **Personal details**

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#### **Other reference numbers**

Other reference: OXPAS2016.376 Treasure case number: 2016T764

### Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: <u>South East</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Oxfordshire</u> (County) District: <u>Cherwell</u> (District) To be known as: Hampton Gay and Poyle CP

# **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: From finder Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

# **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Open fresh water Specific landuse: Running water