

RING

Unique ID: LANCUM-F589D5

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Gold medieval two-piece swivel glove ring dating from the 15th to 18th century AD. The bezel is circular with a raised inner and outer border. The centre of the ring (the female element) swivels and the front depicts a stylised fleur-de-lys interlaced terminating in two stars weaving between the letter +E M+, The reverse of the swivel component depicts and incised leaping greyhound. The wings of the ring are arched in the style of raised floriated columns with incised horizontal lines filled with traces of white enamel. The circumference is also inscribed in niello and reads *GONEEDC*IN*DNOO*. It has been damaged probably by the plough but is still intact. The diameter of the bezel is 18mm, the length is 23mm, the width is 34mm, thickness 14mm and the weight 30.07g.

The Finder consider that the rings inscription is +E II+ and that it was found on a site that was supposedly a hunting lodge of Edward II. He was fond of greyhounds but this does not definitively prove that this ring actually belonged to him. But whoever owned this ring they certainly had a very high status.

Such swivels were also used on a range of objects such as strap fittings including animal leashes, hanging purses and sword belt fittings and were probably in use for the entire Medieval period. The only other parallel for a swivel ring so far on the database is NCL-17A886.

Notes:

Valued by the Treasure Valuation Committee on 15.11.17 at £22,000.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Include in MedArch

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Declared Treasure but returned to Finder as Museum unable to acquire

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T887

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 23 mm

Width: 34 mm

Thickness: 14 mm

Weight: 30.07 g

Diameter: 18 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 19th October 2016 - Wednesday 19th October 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016T887

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Leeds](#) (Metropolitan District)

District: [Leeds](#) (Metropolitan District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE4448

Four figure Latitude: 53.92627052

Four figure longitude: -1.33143727

1:25K map: SE4448

1:10K map: SE44NW

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.