

TOKEN

Unique ID: LON-F3396D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete Post-Medieval lead-alloy token dating from AD1600-1750. The token has cross keys on the obverse and a bunch of grapes on the reverse.

Obverse: cross keys

Reverse: bunch of grapes

Dimensions: diameter: 10.23mm; weight: 0.96g.

Reference: Mitchiner, M. and Skinner, A. 1984. English Tokens C.1425 - 1672. In Challis, C. and Blackburn, M. The British Numismatic Journal Volume 54 1985.

Powell D., 2015. Leaden Tokens Telegraph Issue 104

Notes:

David Powell (2015:02) writes "Bryant Lillywhite's "London Signs" lists 62 known taverns called the Cross Keys in London alone, and there will be many more countrywide; so, Figs.3-6 are probably pub checks. The device has been around as an inn sign for a long time, and probably for as long as the oldest pieces shown here.

The literal interpretation is but one, however; there is also the possibility that the cross keys device may be symbolic and/or armorial. It is known to feature on the arms of a number of well-spread European towns and cities, and for all I know may feature in private heraldry, i.e. amongst the gentry, both here and abroad, as well. Additionally, the church may talk about the keys to the gates of heaven, or of life, and reflect that when it issues tokens. It is these double and triple potential meanings that make interpretation so complicated; with the crossed keys, and the heart, there are clearly different groups of people issuing pieces with the same devices but for very different reasons."

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: POST MEDIEVAL
Date from: Circa AD 1600
Date to: Circa AD 1750

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Weight: 0.96 g
Diameter: 10.23 mm

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [London](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)
District: [City and County of the City of London](#) (London Borough)
Parish or ward: [Dowgate](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3280
Four figure Latitude: 51.5035277
Four figure longitude: -0.09955492
1:25K map: TQ3280
1:10K map: TQ38SW
Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking
General landuse: Open fresh water
Specific landuse: Running water