THIMBLE

Unique ID: HAMP-2F7BD6

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A post-medieval silver open thimble of probable 17th century date. The body of the thimble is formed from a strip of sheet metal, 0.74mm thick, wrapped around to form a cylinder. The two ends no longer join and leave a gap which measures 0.48mm at the top and 1.98mm at the base. In shape, the cylinder tapers towards the top. The thimble is now squashed into an irregular sub-oval. It may have originally had a domed top.

The inner surface of the cylinder is undecorated except for a maker's mark, a ligated AB. The outer surface is decorated with lines of circular punches with a plain band (3.43mm high) towards the wider end with a grooved line to either side and bearing the inscription I+LYKExMY+CHOYS*

The thimble weighs 6.17g, with a length of 22.97mm and width of 20.58mm.

A number of silver thimbles bearing capital letter inscriptions have been discovered in recent years - David Williams lists a series of them in his PAS database record for SUR-639460 (2014 T253). The inscription on this thimble is a popular 'posy' on Post-Medieval finger-rings. It is rendered in the same spelling on a gold Post-Medieval finger-ring in the collection of the British Museum (1961,1202.38) dated 16th-17th Century, and on a ring found in Llangunllo, Powys and declared Treasure (NMGW-3BA0FE; Wales 14.07).

Notes:

Valued by the Treasure Valuation Committee on 15.11.17 at £120.

Inscription: I+LYKExMY+CHOYS* // AB ligated

Subsequent actions

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

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T944

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: 22.97 mm Width: 20.58 mm Weight: 6.17 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: Hampshire Cultural Trust Object Entry Form WINCM 253

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver Completeness: Uncertain

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Hampshire (County)

District: <u>East Hampshire</u> (District)

To be known as: Froxfield

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.