

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Unique ID: SOM-D84DD2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Fragment of an unidentified lead openwork object. The remaining piece is broadly lozenge shaped but while the lower two sides are unbroken the upper two are broken, indicating the lower sides were originally longer, and the complete shape is unclear. The piece is broadly flat, well moulded on the front with a plain back and rounded edges where unbroken. The front has a wide line border along the unbroken sides and a vertical line running up the centre of similar width. A similarly wide and thick curved line comes in from either side to meet this central line. These curved lines are divided into three in places by incised lines running along their length defining narrow borders flanking a wider centre, these lines appear to be worn or poorly done in places.

In the areas between the thicker lines are thinner and narrower curved lines dividing the cells into areas. In the complete lower cells there is a central transverse pointed oval and shorter curved lines above and below linking the central vertical line to the sides. Above the thick curved lines are remains of such lines running parallel to them, then curving away and ending in old breaks. Some of the areas defined by these thinner lines are open, mainly the ones above the curved lines, the pointed oval shapes and parts of the areas above and below them.

The piece is 33.1mm by 29.7mm and 3.1mm thick and weighs 12.28 grams.

This piece appears too delicate and the lines too narrow and thick to be a window grille. The style of the decoration suggests a very late Early Medieval to Medieval date, c. AD 1000 to 1500. It also appears to thick to be a toy or badge. It is possibly a test piece or a blank for making moulds.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1000

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 33.1 mm

Width: 29.7 mm

Thickness: 3.1 mm

Weight: 12.28 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2016 - Saturday 10th September 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 17443

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Somerset](#) (County)

District: [Sedgemoor](#) (District)

To be known as: East Huntspill CP

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Grassland, Heathland