

FINGER RING

Unique ID: ESS-1C5EBE

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A complete gold engraved posy finger ring of probable medieval date. The band is flat and the outside is engraved with intermittent floral sprigs and words. The engraved flowers have four or five petals and leaves are sub ovoid in shape. The inscription, written in English black letter, reads '*god* is* al* m**' which could be an abbreviation for 'god is almighty'.

The ring is bent out of shape but is otherwise in good condition with little visible damage. There is no maker's mark.

Similar rings are known from the V&A collection (7125-1860) and from the PAS database: SUSS-33DF0C (2016T889), NARC-067DD8 (2015T229), CORN-5482E1 (2014T211), DEV-742F63 (2006T52), all of which have been stylistically dated to the medieval period, c. 1400 - 1500.

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 - Subject to Coroner's inquest

Dimensions: weight: 2.74g, diameter (at widest): 21.77mm, thickness of band: 0.84mm

Inscription: god * is * al * m *

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Colchester and Ipswich Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T357

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 0.84 mm

Weight: 2.74 g

Diameter: 21.77 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 29th September 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016T357

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Floral

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Tendring](#) (District)

To be known as: Bradfield

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Colchester and Ipswich Museum