

AMPULLA

Unique ID: SF-24B792

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete yet heavily distorted pilgrim's ampulla dating to the Medieval period, c. 1350-1500. It is broadly flask-shaped, with a widened neck tapering to its midpoint (where two triangular suspension lugs are visible) before flaring outwards to form a sub-circular lower body. The body itself is decorated on both faces; one side demonstrates the characteristic 'scallop-shell' pattern created by a series of moulded radiating ridges, while the other demonstrates a sub-oval central panel decorated with crosshatching, bordered on its outer edge by a single row of pellets. The mid-section of the ampulla seems to have been intentionally squeezed from both sides in order to crush it, presumably in order to release the contents. Preserved in fairly good condition despite the damage, it measures 53.10mm long, 25.45mm wide at the widest point of the body and c. 4.71mm thick at the midpoint of the lower body. It weighs 31.1g.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1350

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 53.1 mm

Width: 25.45 mm

Thickness: 4.71 mm

Weight: 31.1 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 13th February 2017

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Suffolk Coastal](#) (District)

To be known as: Framlingham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

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