

FINGER RING

Unique ID: WMID-DC00D2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A complete copper alloy finger ring, of probable Roman dating (4th Century AD).

The finger ring is polygonal in shape, with eight external facets (octagonal). The hoop has an circular cross section. The facets are flat. Each one is 10.8 mm in length. No decoration is present on any facet.

The finger ring has a 21.4 mm external diameter, 18.0 mm internally. The hoop is 2.2 mm thick and 1.6 mm wide. It weighs 0.9 g.

The finger ring is a mid to dark green colour with an even surface patina.

Similar polygonal finger rings have been recorded on the PAS database, including WILT-BDB6F9 and HAMP-D6BA2D. This is considered to be that of a Henig Type IX (Guiraud type 9a). Henig (1974, 50) suggests that polygonal rings are a third century type while Crummy (1983, 49, ref. 1788) notes that polygonal hoops tend to be fourth century in date.

Class: Henig Type IX (Guiraud type 9a)

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 300

Date to: Circa AD 400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 1.6 mm

Thickness: 2.2 mm

Weight: 0.9 g

Diameter: 21.4 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 2nd October 2016 - Sunday 2nd October 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)

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

District: [East Northamptonshire](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Pilton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TL0084

Four figure Latitude: 52.4448239

Four figure longitude: -0.53014923

1:25K map: TL0084

1:10K map: TL08SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst out searching with a metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Henig, M., 1974 [A Corpus of Roman Engraved Gemstones From British Sites](#) Oxford: British Archaeological Reports 8 50