RING

Unique ID: LVPL-1C2607

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy penannular ring or ear ring of uncertain date. The ring is hexagonal in cross-section and each end tapers to a sharp point. The object has a worn reddish brown to light green patina.

Dimension: 25mm in diameter, 4mm thick, 4.0g

KENT-62AB1A notes that: Objects of this shape are quite common finds from Roman contexts and are usually interpreted as earrings (Allison-Jones (1989), would classify these as Type 1 common and suggest they are common throughout the roman period. It should be noted that similar objects have however also been found from Early-Medieval contexts, where they are interpreted as finger rings or earrings (Rogers 1993, 1370-1371, fig 668, artefacts 5411-5413).

However the hexagonal cross section and patina of this object suggests that a medieval to post-medieval date is more likely. Plain rings of such proportions have often been suggested to be Medieval or Post-Medieval harness rings (Geake 2001, 74), though they are typically un-diagnostic. Although these harness rings are annular and do not have pointed terminals it may be the object has worn at these points due to wearing against another connection.

Class: Ear ring

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: UNKNOWN Period from: UNKNOWN Period to: UNKNOWN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 4 mm

Weight: 4 g

Diameter: 25 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st April 2017 - Thursday 4th May 2017

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Uncertain

Spatial metadata

Region: East Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Northamptonshire (County)

District: <u>South Northamptonshire</u> (District) Parish or ward: <u>Deanshanger</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP7639

Four figure Latitude: 52.04419594 Four figure longitude: -0.8932804

1:25K map: SP7639 1:10K map: SP73NE

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Geake, H., 2001 Finds Recording Guide Version 1.1