# **CUFF LINK**

## Unique ID: SOM-62E4B7

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

#### Treasure case 2017 T877; disclaimed, returned to finder

**Description:** A post-medieval silver button, probably one element from a cufflink. The button is circular in plan, flat with a downturned edge and flat rim. The disc has been stamped with a design of two hearts surmounted by a single crown on top of a stippled background. A copper alloy wire loop is soldered onto the reverse.

**Dimensions**: The cufflink is 14.3mm in diameter and 4.6mm thick; it weighs 0.75g.

**Discussion:** Cufflinks were first introduced in the latter half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and those depicting crowned hearts are conventionally assumed to commemorate the marriage of Charles II and Catherine of Braganza in 1662, but that they took on more general royalist and Catholic meaning, going out of fashion during the early 18<sup>th</sup> century (Lewis 2013: 3-5). This example fits into Lewis' (*ibid*) group A.

The cuff link appears to consist of over 10% precious metal and be over 300 years old at the time of finding and as such qualifies as potential Treasure under the stipulations of the *Treasure Act 1996*.

## Wil Partridge Finds Liaison Officer for Devon and Somerset October 2017

#### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being disclaimed as Treasure

### Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1650 Date to: Circa AD 1714

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1 Thickness: 4.6 mm Weight: 0.75 g Diameter: 14.3 mm

### **Personal details**

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#### **Other reference numbers**

Other reference: SCC receipt: 19352

#### Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver Secondary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Complete

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: <u>South West</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Somerset</u> (County) District: <u>South Somerset</u> (District) To be known as: Ilminster CP

# **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: Centred on field Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land