

PILGRIM BADGE

Unique ID: LON-DCF82F

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Workflow status: Published

A Medieval cast lead alloy pilgrim badge depicting the 'Veronica' dating from AD 1400-1500. The badge is circular with a central panel bordered by a ring of dot-in-rings. The central panel depicts the bearded face of Christ in low relief. The reverse is blank, with both the pin and catch plate missing. The badge is a little distorted with some damage to the ring and dot border, part of which is now missing.

Dimensions: diameter: 20.52mm; weigh: 2.25g.

Similar 'Veronica' pilgrim badges on the database are LON-C52131, NMS-0E5046 and SWYOR-5B34C7.

The Museum of London has an identical badge in its collection 8666b, they write "This is a vernicle, a souvenir of the Veronica in Rome (the Veronica was the veil of St Veronica). Veronica had been moved to pity by the sight of Christ carrying his cross and gave him her veil to wipe his forehead. When he gave it back to her, the image of his face had been miraculously impressed on it. The veil was kept at St Peter's basilica where it was periodically displayed. By the 14th century it was displayed every Sunday and became Rome's chief attraction."

References: Spencer, B., 1990. Salisbury Museum Medieval Catalogue: Part 2, Pilgrim souvenirs and secular badges Salisbury : Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum

Lewis, M., 2014. Saints and their badges: Saints' Lives and Medieval Pilgrim Badges. Witham : Greenlight

Class: Veronica

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 2.25 g

Diameter: 20.52 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [Southwark](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Cathedrals](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3180

Four figure Latitude: 51.50376016

Four figure longitude: -0.11395435

1:25K map: TQ3180

1:10K map: TQ38SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Running water