

FINGER RING

Unique ID: SOM-5C93B4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Post Medieval copper alloy finger ring with posy inscription on the inner side. The ring has a D-shaped section and is formed of a strip soldered together at the ends. The join is visible and the white metal solder now projects, probably as the surface it used to abut has corroded away. The inscription is worn but reads 'I loue V til death' (I love you until death) in italic script. There are no traces of gilding visible but the exterior surface in particular is very corroded. The hoop is distorted to an oval shape, 26.0mm by 14.8mm, 4.2mm wide and 1.7mm thick. It weighs 2.39 grams.

Oman (1974, pg 41) suggests that italic inscriptions generally replaced those of Roman capitals in the second quarter of the 17th century, until posy rings became unfashionable in the 19th century. 2011 T435 (SUSS-58B078) with a similar inscription was dated to 1640-1650 based on the makers mark while 2012 T555 (SUSS-3D38A5) again with a similar inscription was dated to 1625-1800. Without a makers mark a broader date range is also suggested here.

Inscription: I loue V til death

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1625

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 26 mm

Width: 14.8 mm

Thickness: 1.7 mm

Weight: 2.39 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 19813

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Chute Forest](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU3150

Four figure Latitude: 51.24833427

Four figure longitude: -1.55723311

1:25K map: SU3150

1:10K map: SU35SW

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