BULLA

Unique ID: DENO-FD5D1A

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A lead papal bulla of Pope Urban IV (AD 1261 - 1264). The obverse has a pelleted border, and has the raised letters VR/BANVS / PP IIII. PP stands for 'pastor pastorum'. The reverse has a pelleted border. Within are two bearded heads each enclosed in an elipse of pellets, either side of a cruciform sword. The heads represent Saints Peter and Paul, indicated by the abreciations SPA and SPE above the heads.

A bulla such as this would serve to seal and authenticate papal documents.

The bulla has a bend creating a crease line running dametrically across the obverse from 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock. This follows the line of the attachment cord and is probably not deliberate defacement.

Diameter is 38.7 mm, thickness 4.4 mm. Weight 37.4 g

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL
Period from: MEDIEVAL
Period to: MEDIEVAL
Date from: Exactly AD 1261
Date to: Exactly AD 1264

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Thickness: 4 mm
Weight: 37.4 g
Diameter: 38.7 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st April 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Derby E8800

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: East Midlands (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Nottinghamshire (County)
District: Newark and Sherwood (District)
To be known as: East Nottinghamshire

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land

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