

# THIMBLE

**Unique ID:** KENT-06A0B9

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast complete copper-alloy medieval or post-medieval sewing ring dating c. 1450-1550

**Description:** The sewing ring is formed from a circular wide band of copper-alloy. The outer surface is decorated with concentric rings of punched circular dimplings, at a slight angle to the ring of the thimble itself. The dimpling travels in concentric circles rather than the usual spiral. The thimble is a dark green colour.

**Measurements:** 8.19mm in height, 17.33mm in diameter, band is roughly 1.38mm thick. 2.73g in weight.

**Discussion:** Holmes (2004) suggests that sewing rings were in use from c.1450, however Spicer (2011) has pointed out the spiralling on thimbles and sewing rings produced by Nuremberg (the primary producer of thimbles) switches from spiralling clockwise to anti-clockwise at the beginning of the 16th century. Spicer (2011) also discusses that from 1537, when the thimble makers' guild was formed and each master was expected to make his mark, by the middle of the 16th century makers marks were by far the norm it is there for likely this sewing ring is dated to the first half of the 16th century.

**Class:** ring

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1450

Date to: Circa AD 1550

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

## Personal details

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## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

## Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [East Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Rother](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Bodiam](#) (Civil Parish)

## Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ7825

Four figure Latitude: 50.99686331

Four figure longitude: 0.53526296

1:25K map: TQ7825

1:10K map: TQ72NE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Holmes, E.F., 2004 [Finds Research Group Datasheet](#) London: Finds Research Group