

# CUFF LINK

**Unique ID:** IOW-4C5457

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

IOW2018-7-262

A complete but damaged post-Medieval sheet silver disc/cuff link element (1662-c. 1700). Lewis form 1, type D. Treasure case no. 2018 T709.

This cuff link element is circular in plan and the edge is down-turned (bevelled) at an angle of about 10°. The edge is bent in three places. The rear face is concave and has a central soldered wire attachment loop. The upper surface depicts clasped hands with sleeves showing, surmounted by a crown with two small flaming hearts below the hands. The background is stippled.

The surfaces are silvery grey overall and the front is slightly worn.

15.0 (length); 14.6mm (width); 4.1mm (height including attachment loop); 1.1mm (diameter of wire loop). Weight: 0.97g.

Cufflinks and buttons with this design are considered to have originally been produced to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza (1662), but continued to be used as a general symbol of love and/or marriage.

This particular design is as Lewis's Type D (2013: 6) and is paralleled by 2011 T636 (IOW-F1FB17) from Brighstone, Isle of Wight and 2015 T141 (BH-74F159) from Padworth, West Berkshire. Lewis suggests that such cufflinks were popular from the second half of the 17th century, when Continental forms of shirt became popular (*ibid.* 1).

Lewis, M (2013) 'Data Sheet 46, 'Crown and Heart' Buttons and Cufflinks', Finds Research Group AD 700-1700.

## Notes:

The find contains a minimum of 10% silver and predates 1718. It thus qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996 in terms of precious metal content and age.

Reported to Coroner: 19/10/2018.

## Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Treasure process

Subsequent action after recording: Submitted for consideration as Treasure

## Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2018T709

## Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL  
Subperiod from: Late  
Period from: POST MEDIEVAL  
Subperiod to: Late  
Period to: POST MEDIEVAL  
Date from: Exactly AD 1662  
Date to: Circa AD 1700

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1  
Length: 15 mm  
Width: 14.6 mm  
Thickness: 4.1 mm  
Weight: 0.97 g

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 12th September 2018 - Wednesday 12th September 2018

## Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.  
Recorded by: Mr Frank Basford  
Identified by: Mr Frank Basford

## Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2018-7-262  
Treasure case number: 2018T709

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver  
Completeness: Complete

## Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)  
County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)  
District: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)  
Parish or ward: [Brighstone](#) (Civil Parish)

## Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SZ4283  
Four figure Latitude: 50.64517967  
Four figure longitude: -1.40734647  
1:25K map: SZ4283  
1:10K map: SZ43SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software  
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Club rally

Current location: Treasure process

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

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