# **CUFF LINK**

**Unique ID:** NLM-4AA165

Object type certainty: Probably Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Copper alloy and silver possible cuff link. A pair of copper alloy discs, of diameter 22.8mm and thickness 2.6mm [the front]; and 16.1mm and thickness 0.4mm [the back], the two being linked by a round section shank of diameter 3mm. The larger disc has a silver sheet metal front with a rounded plain edge bearing concentric bands of stamped and/or manually incised decoration. The outermost order is a continuous series of triangles. Next is a narrow plain band, and this encloses a field of groups of straight hand-drawn incised lines, each group at right angles to its neighbour. Next are the eight arches of a tressure, with groups of about five finely incised radial lines across each of its cusps. Their alignment is shared by similar shorter lines which occupy spaces between the 'points' of an eight-pointed star-shaped central boss which itself bears incised radial lines forming another centrally placed eight-pointed star with its rays situated between those of the boss, and with further angled slashes between these rays. On the back of the larger disc is a spring-loaded mechanism which remains in working order, whereby two opposed U-shaped lugs may be pressed together, but spring apart when pressure is relieved thanks to a tiny eight-coiled spring. The spring and the lugs are retained by a flat plate through which the shank linking larger disc to smaller passes. The spring is set on one side of the shank, though hidden parts of the mechanism permit it to respond to pressure exerted from either side or both. The smaller, back, disc is entirely plain, though the die stamped end of the shank appears set into its centre, where a radial arrangement of lines appears at its border. The decorative work on the front resembles feature of some early post-medieval classes of artefact [e.g 'iconographic' finger rings]. The mechanism, however, and the probably die stamped plates which retain it, point to a later date. The interest of the object largely resides in its combination of decorative features of earlier style with a mechanism likely to have been made in an industrial or quasi-industrial setting. Suggested date: Post-Medieval, 1700-1750

Diameter: 22.9mm, Thickness (overall): 10.8mm, Weight: 6.41gms

### **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 1700 Date to: Circa AD 1750

### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 10.8 mm Weight: 6.41 g Diameter: 22.9 mm

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 19th September 2018

#### **Personal details**

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: NLM40488

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy Secondary material: Silver Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: East Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Lincolnshire (County)

District: <u>East Lindsey</u> (District) To be known as: Marshchapel

## **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