

# THIMBLE

**Unique ID:** YORYM-98FB69

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper-alloy thimble of Medieval date, c.AD 1300 - 1500. The thimble has a circular base with fairly parallel sides which curve towards the top where they form the crown, creating a dome. A series of irregular spiralling pits extend from the crown towards the base where they terminate at a single grooved circumferential border, some of which has been lost to wear.

The metal has a light green patina and is worn. The thimble is 19.0mm in height, 20.5mm in diameter, 2.3mm thick and weighs 9.6g.

Similar objects have been recorded on the database as YORYM-777ADD, YORYM-D8FBB3, and YORYM-E59D79.

Thimbles have been in common use in England from the 14th century onwards and Geoff Egan (2010, p.265) states that no Medieval thimble indisputably dating from before the 14th century has been found in England. They were originally used to protect the finger used to push a needle through sewing material and were commonly used by dressmakers and tailors. From the circa 16th century onwards silver thimbles were regarded as an ideal gift for ladies and have become gifts and collector's items made of a variety of materials including base and precious metals, and china. The pits on the surface of thimbles were originally created by the technique of hand punching, though in the mid-18th century they were machine-made.

Ref:

Egan, G., 1998 [The Medieval Household: Daily Living c.1150-c.1450 \(Medieval Finds from Excavations in London\)](#) London: The Stationery Office.

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1300

Date to: Circa AD 1500

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 19 mm

Width: 20.5 mm

Thickness: 2.3 mm

Weight: 9.6 g

### **Personal details**

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### **Other reference numbers**

Other reference: YMT : E05983

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

### **Spatial metadata**

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [North Lincolnshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [North Lincolnshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

### **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: SK7899

Four figure Latitude: 53.48195063

Four figure longitude: -0.82608432

1:25K map: SK7899

1:10K map: SK79NE

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

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