THIMBLE

Unique ID: SUR-AE7296

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A tall Post Medieval copper alloy thimble with a tinned surface. The top has become detached. The top half is covered with small round punched holes which spiral up the body of the thimble. The lower portion is decorated with a band of slightly overlapping oval medallions containing rosette or floriate designs within beaded borders and pellets between. This band of decoration is bounded on its upper and lower margins by narrow circumferential bands of double lines. No marker's mark is visible.

The form suggests this thimble dates to c.AD 1520-1620 and is of a type mainly imported from Nuremburg. It is similar to Holmes (1988: 3) fig 5b. See also examples in Read (2018, 43) and an example from the Mary Rose, which sank in 1545 (Gardiner and Allen 2005, 329-40, no. 81 A0807).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Exactly AD 1520 Date to: Circa AD 1620

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 17.5 mm Thickness: 0.4 mm Weight: 1.91 g Diameter: 15.1 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 17th June 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: White metal coated

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Oxfordshire (County)

District: <u>South Oxfordshire</u> (District) Parish or ward: <u>Watlington</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU6993

Four figure Latitude: 51.63158966 Four figure longitude: -1.00448728

1:25K map: SU6993 1:10K map: SU69SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Read, B., 2018 Metal Sewing-Thimbles Found in Britain Oxford: Archaeopress