

BELL

Unique ID: SOM-2C5AC7

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper-alloy spherical crotal bell of post-medieval date. The bell comprises two hemispherical domes with a raised circumferential join. The upper hemisphere has two circular sound holes, one larger than the other, with a rectangular loop projecting from the top between them. The loop is formed of an angular bar of rectangular cross-section and is 11.02mm high, 16.01mm wide and 3.91mm thick. The curve of the bell continues under the loop aperture. The lower hemisphere, has a long, wide sound slit with circular holes at the ends. This is set at right angles to the holes in the upper hemisphere. The bell contains an iron pea.

The upper hemisphere is worn, with no trace of decoration. The lower hemisphere is decorated with indented lines radiating out from the central area in a sunburst or petal design with lines flanking the sound slit and semi-circles in on each side of the slit, in the centre. The semi-circles contain, on one side, a maker's mark in the form of a founders hammer and initials, possibly W G, on the other.

The bell measures 30.96mm in diameter, 39.68 in overall height and weighs 33.29mm.

The curve of the bell continues under the loop aperture suggesting it was made using a detachable 'sprue-piece'; this method was introduced in the 17th century. The founders hammer was probably used as a mark by several manufacturers and over a long period. W G is a known maker who has yet to be identified.

Inscription: W.G.

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 1600

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 39.68 mm

Weight: 33.29 g

Diameter: 30.96 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 16th September 2018 - Sunday 16th September 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 017944

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Iron

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Dorset](#) (County)

District: [West Dorset](#) (District)

To be known as: Piddletrenthide

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