

SEAL MATRIX

Unique ID: GLO-A99A1C

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Copper alloy flat pointed oval seal matrix that has a truncated loop on the top of the reverse. The face is finely decorated with a female figure standing in a long dress that reaches to the floor, there is a gathering of cloth in the front of her body that would be the seam of her garments, then a further gating of cloth either side which is adorned with small stamped chevrons in order to give the impression of a fur lined clothing. Her head is finely detailed with pellet eyes, a defined nose and slot mouth; surrounding her head are angled straight lines the depict a head covering such as a wimple. Her left hand he held at her chest, possibly with one or two fingers raised (the detail is obscured by encrusted mud). While the left hand is held out to the side of her body holding up a squirrel that has a large curled bushy tail. She is shown standing on an animal, possible a dog or ermine.

Behind the figure and at waist height is a slightly arched line.

Running around the item is the inscription that begins with a star then a bird and reads KATHI[.] DE STANLINGE

The recorder is indebted to Malcolm Jones for his help in identifying the inscription who comments

'The 2nd half of the legend reads DE STANLINGE -- the placename will presumably have ended up as modern Stanley [see further below]. The 1st half of the legend begins with the customary S' followed by the lady's forename, which cannot but be some spelling of Katherine -- the first KAT is easy enough to make out but then there seems to be a letter less gap before what looks like an 'h' followed by ?I -- perhaps we're dealing with an abbreviated form of the name? e.g. KATH'I[N]

There is a "Stanling" listed in conjunction with Newent -- so presumably a Stanling also in Glos -- so that King's/Leonard Stanley would seem to be indicated -- in a charter of Henry II [12C] confirming a grant of the manor of Newent. '(Malcolm Jones, 2019, Pers comm. 15th March)

Class: personal **Sub class:** woman

Inscription: KATHI[.] DE STANLINGE

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 1400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 31 mm
Width: 20 mm
Thickness: 8 mm
Weight: 7.71 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st June 2018 - Friday 2nd November 2018

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Ledbury](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO7136
Four figure Latitude: 52.02165451
Four figure longitude: -2.42403299
1:25K map: SO7136
1:10K map: SO73NW
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Character undetermined