

FINGER RING

Unique ID: OXON-11F164

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete gold finger ring of post-medieval date. The finger ring is a 'posy' (or poem) ring, having an internal incised inscription reading '*We ioyne our harts in god*'. Externally the band is plain and undecorated. The band is D-shaped in section and is quite wide. Religious and/or romantic inscriptions are common on such rings. They were given by men and women as an expression of love, as a wedding ring or as a means of showing regard and friendship; the inscription on this example indicates this may be a wedding band, and due to the size (internal diameter and width) was probably worn by a man.

Dimensions: Maximum internal diameter: 21.9mm. Thickness: 1.4mm. Width of band: 6.6mm.
Weight: 8.9 grams.

Discussion: The simple style of this ring, which has no exterior decoration or particularly diagnostic typology, is difficult to date precisely. The style of the engraved lettering does however suggest a date based upon paleographical indicators and the use of an 'I' for a 'J' and in the spelling of 'hart' for heart. These suggest a date prior to the standardisation of English spelling in the later 18th century and thus a broad date range can be proposed of 17th - mid 18th century.

Conclusion: In the absence of a maker's mark this ring cannot be securely dated to pre-1719 and as such falls outside the provisions of the Treasure Act 1996.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1650

Date to: Circa AD 1750

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 6.6 mm

Thickness: 1.4 mm

Weight: 8.9 g

Diameter: 21.9 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 10th February 2019

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Anni Byard

Identified by: Miss Anni Byard

Other reference numbers

Other reference: OXPAS2019.275

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Oxfordshire](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP6306

Four figure Latitude: 51.7491628

Four figure longitude: -1.08881975

1:25K map: SP6306

1:10K map: SP60NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land