

FINGER RING

Unique ID: SUR-B6BBFA

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A gold posy ring with internal diameter of 18mm. The hoop is undecorated and is 3.5mm wide with a plano-convex cross sectional profile. The inside surface is flat and inscribed with the legend *Let virtue be thy guide*. There is a maker's mark of IW in gothic letters within a trapezoidal shield. The hoop is slightly bent out of shape. Circa mid 18th century.

Notes:

cf. ring BM Af.1321 "*Let virtue bee a guide to thee*" - Dalton 1912, no. 1240 and Evans 1931, p. 68. See also [IOW-43E3F4](#) for another example on the database with a similar maker's mark.

On the stylistic basis of the use of gothic script in the maker's mark this ring has been dated by British Museum curator Rachel King at circa 1720-1750. It therefore falls outside of the scope of the Treasure Act 1996.

Sub class: posy

Inscription: Let virtue be thy guide

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being declared not Treasure

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1720

Date to: Circa AD 1750

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 3.5 mm

Thickness: 0.7 mm

Weight: 2.94 g

Diameter: 21.1 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [West Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Arun](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU9404

Four figure Latitude: 50.82791626

Four figure longitude: -0.66670248

1:25K map: SU9404

1:10K map: SU90SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.