

THIMBLE

Unique ID: SOM-35B668

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A Post Medieval copper alloy ring type seamless thimble dating to c AD1520-1600. There are circumferential upper and basal plain bands with with one groove, and a right-hand spiral of reversed-D indentations. At the start of the spiral is a maker's mark showing a V shape connected to an oval. The thimble measures 21.97mm in diameter at the top, 23.49mm at the base, is 1.71mm thick and weighs 4.34g.

Similar examples can be found in Read (2018), e.g. nos 26 and 42. He states that these type of thimbles were possibly from Nuremberg and probably cast. They have punched indentations and can have circumferential ridges or grooves. He suggests a date of c.1520-1600 for this type (2018, 14-15). A reference is also made to this type of thimble by Holmes (1988, 3). The maker's mark could not be identified.

Class: ring

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 1520

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 1.71 mm

Weight: 4.34 g

Diameter: 23.49 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st December 2018 - Monday 4th March 2019

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 018336

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

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 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Read, B., 2018 [Metal Sewing-Thimbles Found in Britain](#) Oxford: Archaeopress 14 , 26