

## K1044 Condition Report

**Conservation Started:** 18/07/2013

**Conservation Finished:** 18/07/2013

**Conservator:** Cymbeline Storey

**Time Taken:** 0.75 hour

Including digital photography, report, conservation and packing.

**Dimensions:** (L) 11mm (W) 8mm (Th.) 0.5mm

**Weight before:** 0.27g

**Weight after:** 0.23g

**Digital photography:**

Taken with a Keyence VHX-1000 3D digital microscope with LED and/or fibre optic lights (20-200x magnification). Taken before and after.

**Annotation on any of the storage bags or boxes:** None

**Description:** Visual and microscopic examination using Meiji stereo microscope 7-75x magnification

Flat, undecorated fragment of silver gilt sheet. All edges are breaks. The front is gilded and the back is ungilded.

**Associated Objects:** TBC

**Pre-Conservation Condition:** Visual and microscopic examination using Meiji stereo microscope 7-75x magnification

All edges are old-looking breaks. The front is gilded with multiple abrasions (some of which look recent), patchy tarnish (probably from burial), patches of inactive green corrosion product and a little soil. The back is ungilded with widespread dark tarnish (probably from burial) and a little soil.

**Treatment:** Carried out using a Meiji stereo microscope

**Purpose:** Study

**Aim:** Total cleaning

**Materials:** Soft natural/synthetic brushes, thorn in pin vice/holder, IMS on metals, 50:50 water/IMS on metals, cotton wool swabs, cocktail stick, Paraloid B72

The granular soil on the front/back was mechanically removed or reduced where possible using a fine thorn tip secured in a pin vice and a small pure bristle brush. IMS or water was used to soften the soil to facilitate removal. Loose particles of soil were then removed with a small swab of IMS.

Corrosion products were left in situ; corrosion was not active and can be further cleaned or stabilised at a later date.

The paper K number was adhered to the back with HMG brand Paraloid B72 (ethyl methacrylate copolymer) from the tube, applied with a cocktail stick.

A storage box padded with white polyethylene foam was made for housing the object.

**Post-Conservation Condition/Findings:**

The condition of the object is the same as pre-conservation apart from removal of a small amount of soil.

**Key Features:**

- Flat, undecorated fragment of silver gilt sheet
- All edges breaks
- Front gilded; back ungilded

**Samples:**

1. soil