

K122 Condition Report

Conservation Started:20/06/2013

Conservation Finished: 20/06/2013

Conservator: Pieta Greaves

Time Taken: 10mins

Including digital photography, report, conservation and packing.

Dimensions: L. 26mm; W. 16mm; H. 3mm; Th. sheet <0.5mm; Th. 1.5mm

Weight before: 1.56g

Weight after: 1.51g

X-ray: L37

Catalogue number: 145

Digital photography:

Taken with a Nikon Coolpix 4500 digital camera, under daylight or bulbs and Meiji Techno RZ Stereo microscope with an Infinity 1 camera (with analyses capture software) and fibre optic lights, 7-75x magnification. Taken before, during and after.

Annotation on any of the storage bags or boxes:

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

Gold, hilt-collar formed of a band of herringbone filigree, four wires broad, on a sheet-metal base. Complete and undistorted, it preserves the original flat-sided oval section of the grip. There are two sheet-metal joins on the interior, and two exterior joins in the filigree also

Associated Objects:

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

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

The granular soil on the front and 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.

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.

Object was returned to display

Post-Conservation Condition/Findings:

Object is on good condition, some historical damage and flattening of the wires.

Key Features:

- Herringbone filigree designs
- Gold band

Analysis Undertaken:

Samples: not enough to collect