### K1466 gold and silver-alloy fragment with beaded wire filigree

# **Condition Report**

Conservation Started: Unknown

**Conservation Finished:** Unknown, Created 17/8/2015

**Conservator:** Unknown, Kayleigh Fuller **Time Taken:** 0.25 hours to re-box

Including digital photography, report, conservation and packing.

**Dimensions:** (L) 5.4mm (W) 8.1 mm (D) 1.2mm

Weight before: 0.17g Weight after: 0.15g X-ray plate: L44

Catalogue number: 58

# **Digital photography:**

Taken with a Canon EOS 100D digital camera, under overhead lights, and a Keyence VH-Z20R Digital Microscope (with analyses capture software) and fibre optic lights, 7-75x magnification. Taken before and after.

## Annotation on any of the storage bags or boxes:

Description: Visual and microscopic examination using Meiji stereo microscope 20x magnification

Small fragment of gold beaded filigree triple stranded wire attached to a thin gold backing sheet with two interlacing semi circles.

Associated Objects: K1430 two fragments of pommel

**Pre-Conservation Condition:** Visual and microscopic examination using Meiji stereo microscope 20x magnification.

Desription of condition from K1430 is similar to K1466- no prior conservation record for this item.

The filigree seems to be quite brittle. It is covered by a dark grey corrosion product. The object's edges are jagged and deformed, especially on both ends.

The object is filled with granular soil. Soil is also adhering to the filigree.

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

**Purpose:** Study / Analysis

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

### Presumed treated as such below

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.

A storage box padded with white polyethylene foam was made for housing the object. A strip of Tyvek (spun bound polyethylene fibres) was used as a cushion for the object and to help lift it out of the foam.

# 12/08/2015 - K. Fuller Boxed with K1430 as associated object- three fragments in total Post-Conservation Condition/Findings: Key Features:

Samples:

**Analysis Undertaken:** 

**References:** 

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