

K1488 Condition Report

Conservation Started: 14/06/2013

Conservation Finished: 14/06/2013

Conservator: Cymbeline Storey

Time Taken: 1 hour

Including digital photography, report, conservation and packing.

Fragment A:

Dimensions: (L) 3mm (W) 3mm (D) 1mm

Weight before: <0.01g

Weight after: <0.01g

Catalogue number: 691

Fragment B: (Renumbered to K2018)

Dimensions: (L) 5mm (W) 2mm

Weight before: 0.03g

Weight after: 0.03g

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

Fragment A: Fragment of copper alloy gilt sheet.

Fragment B: Slightly curved fragment of copper alloy gilt ribbed wire.

Associated Objects: TBC

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

Fragment A: Tiny fragment of copper alloy gilt sheet. The copper alloy is completely corroded. The gilding is on the front only and has moderate tarnish (probably from burial) and general abrasion.

Fragment B (now K2018, Wt 0.03g): Ribbed wire fragment formed of gilded copper alloy. The copper alloy appears to be completely corroded. The gilding has holes in it and widespread dark tarnish (probably from burial). Both ends of the wire are breaks.

Treatment:

No treatment carried out on objects.

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

Post-Conservation Condition/Findings:

The condition of the objects is the same as pre-conservation; no conservation treatment was undertaken so there are only pre-conservation photographs for these objects.

Key Features:

- Two fragments of copper alloy gilt – one flat fragment and one fragment of ribbed wire

Samples:

None