

K1606 Condition Report

Conservation Started: 04/07/2013

Conservation Finished: 04/07/2013

Conservator: Cymbeline Storey

Time Taken: 0.75 hour

Including digital photography, report, conservation and packing.

Dimensions: (L) 4mm (W) 1mm (Diam) wire <0.5mm

Weight before: not weighed due to size

Weight after: 0.01g

Catalogue number: 689

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.

X-ray: L104

Annotation on any of the storage bags or boxes: None

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

Gently curved silver beaded wire fragment attached to a plain silver sheet.

Associated Objects: TBC

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

The object is a very small fragment of silver – a curved section of silver beaded wire attached to a plain silver sheet. The object is corroded to a dark grey colour and has a little soil on the surface. The break edges look recent, with shiny, granular silver visible.

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

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.

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:

- Gently curved silver beaded wire fragment attached to a plain silver sheet

Samples:

None