

## K1639 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) 7mm (Diam) 1mm

**Weight before:** 0.06g

**Weight after:** 0.04g

**Catalogue number:** 681

**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

Bent fragment of gold beaded wire.

**Associated Objects:** TBC

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

The object is a small, bent fragment of gold beaded wire. There is a little soil and tarnish (probably from burial) on the surface and significant wear to the beading on one end. The break edges look old.

**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:**

- Bent fragment of gold beaded wire

**Samples:**

None