VALVE

Unique ID: MAS-D100220

Object type certainty: Probably
Workflow status: Published

Two small brass valves and one small double valve. The first item has three conections, with two sections of thinner pipe (10 mm diameter approx) still attached perpendicular to threaded fixing, and both twisted. The thicker pipe (38 mm approx) runs parallel and opposite to threaded fixing. In all cases the rest of the pipes have sheared off. The second valve is similar in characteristics to the first, with three connections and a threaded fixing. This valve is slightly smaller and less encrusted, and only one section of thin (10 mm approx) pipe attached perpendicular to threaded fixing. Both valves have quite spherical central sections. Third valve is a double valve, with only one connection perpendicular to threaded fixing and wider second connnection (100 mm approx) opposite and parallel to threaded fixing. This item is heavily encrusted so unsure as to accuracy of interpretation. Both are heavily corroded and in poor condition.

Notes:

These items were recovered from the wreck SS *Blanefield.* Built in 1898 in Sunderland by the Short Brothers Ltd, the SS *Blanefield* was a screw driven steamship of 3,411 tons, a cargo carrying coaster. She sank following a collision in broad daylight with the four masted barque *Kate Thomas* on 1st May 1906 approximately 4 miles from Beachy Head, East Sussex. At the time the SS *Blanefield* was en route from Junin to Dover carrying a cargo of railway sleepers and lines. The vessel sank in under four minutes with most of the crew being rescued with 21 of the crew of 28 surviving the incident. The *Kate Thomas* was taken to Southampton under tow on the following day. NRHE and East Sussex HER reference numbers cited in this record refer to the wreck of SS *Blanefield*.

Class: Transport **Sub class:** Vessel component

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Wreck details

Droit number: 301/18

Chronology

Broad period: MODERN
Period from: MODERN
Period to: MODERN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 3

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Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 2nd September 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: Mr Robbie Trevelyan

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 911487
Other reference: East Sussex HER: TV 58 NE 56
Droit ID: 301/18

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Secondary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Fabricated
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: East Sussex (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TV5888
Four figure Latitude: 50.67023092
Four figure longitude: 0.2345585
1:25K map: TV5888
1:10K map: TV58SE
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Diving
Discovery circumstances: SS Blanefield
Current location: With finder

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