HARNESS FITTING

Unique ID: KENT-605192

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An Early medieval (11th century) cast copper alloy horse harness fitting, strap distributor. One half is missing. There is a sub-circular convex central boss with two rounded triangular side knops, and one arm extending from the central boss with a worn break on the opposing side. The arm has a lozengiform terminal with a large openwork oval. There is a rounded knop at each angle of the terminal. This would have been a double terminal bar but the other arm and terminal are missing. Read illustrates an almost identical artefact on page 50 no 474, which is dated as 11th to 12th century. The fitting is 46.5mm long, 24.3mm wide, 6.9mm thick and weighs 16.6 grams.

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1000

Date to: AD 1100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 46.5 mm Width: 24.3 mm Thickness: 6.9 mm

Weight: 16.6 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st May 2009

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)

District: Maidstone (District)

To be known as: Thurnham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.