BOOK FITTING

Unique ID: LVPL-44E27E

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper alloy book clasp dating to the late medieval period (c.AD 1400-1600).

The clasp is broadly rectangular in shape. At one end a small squared backwards curving hook extends from the of the body of the clasp. The opposite end is broken with only a small portion remaining. The portion that does remain shows flared terminal with a scalloped edge. The remains of three rivets are present on the main body of the clasp.

The clasp is decorated with an incised design. The squared end presents an etched zig-zag line, below which is a group of roughly incised lines directed along the length of the clasp and terminate at the first rivet. Around the second rivet appears to be a punched circle with three lines protruding directed towards the first rivet, the centre line is the longest with the lines either side at a shorted length be equal to each other. A further incised design is present on the scalloped terminal but this is now too worn and damage to determine the details.

The reverse is undecorated and shows signs of iron corrosion.

Class: Howsam type A.3

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL
Subperiod from: Late
Period from: MEDIEVAL
Subperiod to: Early
Period to: POST MEDIEVAL
Date from: Circa AD 1400
Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 42.8 mm
Width: 7.5 mm
Thickness: 1.5 mm
Weight: 2.5 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

Region: West Midlands (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Shropshire (Unitary Authority)
District: Shropshire (Unitary Authority)
To be known as: Stoke upon Tern

Spatial coordinates

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