

MOUNT

Unique ID: SF-010491

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of a gilded copper-alloy early medieval (early Anglo-Saxon) mount. The surviving section is sub-oval in shape with a fairly straight break across one end. The outer face has chip carved decoration consisting of a spiral curving inwards on either side, two parallel lines curving inwards behind each of these and across the complete end and several groups of intersecting parallel lines in the centre. These latter groups give the impression of a cloak and hand suggesting that they may be the shoulders of a bust, the face of which is now missing. Traces of gilding can be seen within this decoration. A small integral rivet projects from the centre of the reverse.

Mounts with integral rivets typically appear to have been used on horse harnesses. Gilded copper alloy decorative mounts were attached to both bridles and harnesses (Fern 2005, 56-7) and Fern (ibid. 61) suggests that examples found attached to fragments of wood in burials at Caenby and Sutton Hoo Mound 2, may also have formed part of saddles. A small number of similar chip carved and gilded examples have been recorded with the PAS from Suffolk and elsewhere including: SF-56706E, SF-1C3993, SF-BFCD87, SF-01C966, BH-506F42.

Length: 20.49mm, width: 13.22mm, thickness: 5.12mm, weight: 2.53g

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 550

Date to: Circa AD 650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 20.49 mm

Width: 13.22 mm

Thickness: 5.12 mm

Weight: 2.53 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st May 2021

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Suffolk](#) (County)

District: [Mid Suffolk](#) (District)

To be known as: Barham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined