

BUCKLE

Unique ID: WMAS-F49613

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

The object is an oval buckle frame with recessed plate. The buckle dates to the Medieval or 14th - 16th centuries. It is made of cast copper alloy and is incomplete.

In plan the frame is oval. The loop is sub-oval in section and is widest at the apex which is 3.3mm wide and 1.7mm thick. The width of the loop gradually tapers inwards towards the strap bar. The thickness of the loop however, is the same throughout. In section the frame is flat. The pin is sub-rectangular in section and heavily corroded. A rectangular shaped portion of the pin is curled around the strap bar. The rest of the pin is missing.

The strap plate is sub-rectangular in plan and flat in section and is made from a sheet of cast copper alloy. The plate is folded around the strap bar and is recessed to allow for a pin. The possible remains of a heavily corroded rivet are also visible on the plate. The majority of the plate however is missing (not recent breaks).

The object is heavily corroded and in a very poor condition. Red and green copper corrosion is evident otherwise the object is a mid matt brown colour. It is 25.7mm long, 19.8mm wide and its weight is 2.63g.

Egan and Pritchard (Egan, G and Pritchard, F. 1991 *Medieval Finds From Excavations in London: 3. Dress Accessories c.1150 - c.1450*, HMSO, London; fig.45; no.304) have an example of an oval framed buckle with recessed plate, which is similar in shape and style to the recorded object. The plate however should be viewed as an example, as it is not possible to tell from the fragmentary remains of the recorded object, what the plate would have originally looked like.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1150

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 25.7 mm

Width: 19.8 mm

Thickness: 3.3 mm

Weight: 2.63 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 5th October 2005

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Sarah Housley

Identified by: Ms Sarah Housley

Secondary identifier: Ms Angie Bolton

Other reference numbers

Other reference: Finders reference number: 9.101.311

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Wychavon](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Bickmarsh](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP1050

Four figure Latitude: 52.148198

Four figure longitude: -1.855272

1:25K map: SP1050

1:10K map: SP15SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Egan, G. and Pritchard, F., 1991 [Dress Accessories, c.1150-c.1450 \(Medieval Finds from Excavations in London\) \(1991\)](#) London: Stationery Office Books ,