

BUCKLE

Unique ID: CAM-280C00

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A fragment of a copper-alloy buckle plate dating to the Roman period. The fragment comprises the attachment end, with three D-sectioned hinge loops. The loops are decorated with longitudinal grooves around their outer ends, and have circular perforations obscured and filled with iron corrosion from a separate bar onto which the pin and buckle frame would originally have been hinged. The loops extend from a flat openwork plate with arched perforations bordered by two surviving projections, each one behind a loop and ending in a three-pronged fork. The projection behind the third loop is missing, and the plate is damaged at both ends, appearing originally to have extended widthwise towards further loops and with further arched perforations. The fragment has a length of 16mm and a surviving width of 23mm.

This buckle plate is Roman, of Hawkes and Dunning's type IIA, with a particularly close parallel from Caistor-by-Norwich (Hawkes and Dunning 1961, fig. 17g). It can be compared with several others on the PAS database: SF-DD6561, NARC-5E9CA2, KENT378 and SUR-00DEF4. This type of buckle plate starts in the middle of the fourth century and is still occasionally found in fifth-century Anglo-Saxon graves.

It is superficially similar to the medieval buckle plates NMS-61E218, NLM-53B266 and IOW-969AE4, but these all have two hinge loops.

Class: plate **Sub class:** Hawkes and Dunning Type IIA

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 350

Date to: AD 450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 16 mm

Width: 23 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st November 2005

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Cambridgeshire](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TL4151

Four figure Latitude: 52.139308

Four figure longitude: 0.058914

1:25K map: TL4151

1:10K map: TL45SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined