

BUCKLE

Unique ID: HESH-79CA83

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Complete cast copper alloy double looped (spectacle) buckle of post-medieval date (1550-1650). The frame of the buckle is sub-rectangular (rectangular with rounded corners) in plan with a central bar to which the pin is fitted. The pin is formed from a single tapering sheet that has been secured by wrapping the widest terminal around the bar. At either end of the buckle frame are tri-lobed projections. Each of these projections have been pierced and filed to create an irregular cross. The buckle measures 58.2mm long, 27mm wide, is 2.3mm thick and weighs 9.64 grams.

The buckle is a light green colour with a slightly abraded patina that covers all surfaces. The rear face of the buckle is rough and pitted. This is likely to be a result of poor casting rather than corrosion,; a light green patina identical to that present on the front face is present suggesting that these pock marks are relatively old. Movement in the ploughsoil has resulted in the buckle becoming asymmetrical. Similar examples to this buckle can be seen in Ross Whitehead's book 'Buckles 1250 - 1800', pages 69-72, although a direct parallel for this form of decoration is not illustrated. Whitehead suggests that these buckles date from the post medieval period (1550 - 1650).

Class: Double Looped

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 1550

Date to: AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 58.2 mm

Width: 27 mm

Thickness: 2.3 mm

Weight: 9.64 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Peter Reavill

Identified by: Mr Peter Reavill

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Withington area

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Whitehead, R., 2003 [Buckles 1250-1800](#) Chelmsford: Greenlight Publishing ,