

BOOK FITTING

Unique ID: WAW-C67F20

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Copper-alloy book clasp, a sub-triangle with a narrowed and moulded knob at the apex; a circular hole runs transversely through the knob but is filled with a copper alloy rivet or pin. The centre of the clasp has a second hole which runs from top to bottom, and this is also filled with copper alloy. This is likely to have fitted over a peg on the opposite book cover and the hole may retain the peg.

The base of the 'triangle' has two integral knobs, one at either corner, which are joined by a separate copper-alloy bar showing signs of wear. The reverse of the clasp is flat and undecorated, whereas the upper surface is slightly domed. The surface of the clasp is abraded and corroded.

It measures 25.13mm long, 14.2mm wide and 4.56mm thick. It weighs 4.82g. The clasp would have been used in conjunction with leather straps to keep books closed when not in use. Egan (1998) illustrates similar clasps, for example No. 922. Egan comments that these clasps date from the late 14th to early 15th century.

Class: clasp **Sub class:** Howsam type A.1.1

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1375

Date to: Circa AD 1425

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 25.13 mm

Width: 14.2 mm

Thickness: 4.56 mm

Weight: 4.82 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Angie Bolton

Identified by: Ms Angie Bolton

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Wychavon](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP0557

Four figure Latitude: 52.211198

Four figure longitude: -1.928243

1:25K map: SP0557

1:10K map: SP05NE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Egan, G., 1998 [The Medieval Household: Daily Living c.1150-c.1450 \(Medieval Finds from Excavations in London\)](#) London: The Stationery Office , No. 922