

STRAP END

Unique ID: HAMP-27EED5

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete early-medieval cast copper-alloy strap-end, classified as Thomas' (2003, 2) Class A, Type 1. This would date the artefact to around the ninth century.

The extant strap-end is flat and broadly trapezoidal in form having been broken below the split and the perforations at the attachment end. It tapers from a width of 13.4mm to 6.05mm over its length. It is unifacially decorated on the upper face; the reverse is plain, pitted and scratched. Both faces, however, retain traces of tinning. The upper face terminates in an incised animal head with curved ears and eyes contained within lateral arcs. Behind the head there is a single field banded by a border outside which are transverse nicks. The field contains a broadly symmetrical foliate pattern and might have been inlaid with silver and perhaps niello.

Notes:

The recorder is indebted to Mr Alan Cracknell for his illustration of this artefact

Class: Thomas Class A, Type 1

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 775

Date to: Circa AD 925

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 32.8 mm

Width: 13.4 mm

Thickness: 1.5 mm

Weight: 3.7 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 15th July 2006

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: E1745

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: White metal coated

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Winchester](#) (District)

To be known as: Chilcomb CP

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Thomas, G., 2003 [Late Anglo-Saxon and Viking-age Strap-Ends 750-1100: Part I](#) Lincolnshire: Finds Research Group AD 700-1700. 2 ,