

MOUNT

Unique ID: HAMP-137DA0

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A probably complete medieval cast copper-alloy casket mount (c. 13th century). At one end of the mount is a flattened rectangle (Th.: c. 2.6mm), plain apart from a single rivet hole in the centre. Beyond this, the mount thickens and is split into four linear segments of varying sizes. The first is a trapezoid, with the upper surface decorated with transverse grooves, within a plain border. This segment is separated from the next by a collar with diagonal grooves (cabling). The second segment is formed of three triangles, one central with the point pointing towards the collar, the others on either side. The large central triangle is decorated like the trapezoid, with transverse grooves. The other two triangles have singular punched dots in the centre. Next is the longest segment, with a small raised triangle in each corner. This segment is triangular in cross-section, with the face angled to a central ridge. At each end of the ridge is an incised triangle in a triangle, both pointing towards the midpoint of the segment. The outer triangle on each end is bordered by rows of dots (three on each side). The final segment is similar to the second; formed of the three triangles. The central one points to the terminal end of the mount, and is plain. The two smaller flanking triangles are both decorated with a punched single dot. The decorative moulding covers the sides as well as the upper surface of the mount. The lower surface is plain. Neither end of the mount appears to be broken, but the thicker end is a little uneven and rough. In profile the mount is slightly curved, probably from warping during use. The mount is a reddish-brown with occasional patches of a dark-green patina. A similar but larger example is illustrated in Read (2001, 24; ref. 168), which is dated to the mid 13th century.

Notes:

Tippex dots have been applied by the finder.

Class: casket

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1230

Date to: Circa AD 1260

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 47.8 mm

Width: 10.1 mm

Thickness: 6.4 mm

Weight: 16.02 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 2nd April 2009

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: E2598; UKDFD Ref. No. - 18017

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Hampshire](#) (County)
District: [Winchester](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Micheldever](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU4939
Four figure Latitude: 51.148172
Four figure longitude: -1.300855
1:25K map: SU4939
1:10K map: SU43NE
Grid reference source: From a paper map
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land

Read, B., 2001 [*Metal artefacts of antiquity: A catalogue of small finds from specific areas of the United Kingdom*](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing 24, fig. 13 , 168