

SCABBARD

Unique ID: SUSS-1AA852

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper alloy scabbard chape with angled sides, slightly domed front and hollow back. The lower part of the chape has an oval outline with incised radiating lines on the front creating a scallop shell appearance and a rounded knop projecting down at the centre of the lower edge; the upper part is trapezoid, stepping in at the top of the scallop before widening slightly to the top. The top edge is castellated with two incised horizontal lines below. There is a central quatrefoil shaped aperture. The separately soldered back plate is missing. The chape measures 39.8mm long by 29.7mm wide and 4.9mm thick at its widest part. It weighs 9.86 grams.

Ward Perkins (1940:285 Type III) illustrates a similar type with a range of different shaped openwork apertures and sometimes a raised band between the upper and lower parts. He suggests this type was current in the late 15th and 16th centuries (1450-1600 AD).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1450

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 39.8 mm

Width: 29.7 mm

Thickness: 4.9 mm

Weight: 9.86 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [West Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Chichester](#) (District)

To be known as: Near Arundel

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

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Ward Perkins, J.B., 1940 [The London Museum Medieval Catalogue](#) London: HMSO 285 , Type III