

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Unique ID: LVPL-632546

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy zoomorphic terminal of uncertain date and function. The object is in the form of a snake head and is rectangular in cross-section. The mouth of the snake is rounded and consists of a wide and deep groove. Below and above the mouth are small transverse grooves which define the mouth. To each side of the head slightly behind and above the mouth are circular depressions representing the eyes. These are enclosed in a pointed oval groove. The neck of the snake is undecorated and the object terminates with a forked slot presumably for attachment.

The head is decorated on the upper surface with an X-shaped groove, to either side of which are smaller transverse grooves. A semi-circular groove defines the nose of the snake. Another groove runs from the centre of the X down the neck of the object to the terminal. The groove expands and deepens as it reaches the terminal. To either side of the groove are smaller diagonal grooves. The base of the object is flat and undecorated. The object has a dark green patina and is in good condition.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: UNKNOWN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 45.3 mm

Width: 17.1 mm

Thickness: 8.1 mm

Weight: 37 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st October 1998

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast
Decoration style: Geometric
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Lincolnshire](#) (County)
District: [West Lindsey](#) (District)
To be known as: Market Rasen

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on parish
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Discovery circumstances: Found whilst metal detecting.
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Character undetermined