

# VESSEL

**Unique ID:** ESS-BFFDC4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Early Medieval cast copper alloy vessel escutcheon or mount. It is circular in plan, with the upper surface decorated with a cast design of a central boss surrounded by two concentric rings and a design of seven running spirals. The raised border is damaged, however the remains of a cast 'beaded' ring is still visible. There is no obvious means of attachment for the piece, however there is a small circular scar on the reverse, which could be all that remains of the fittings. The reverse is plain and undecorated and the edge is damaged. It is 34.33mm in diameter, 4.47mm thick and weighs 15.55 grams. It has a dark brown patina with traces of gilding in the recessed areas.

**Class:** Mount

## Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service

Subsequent action after recording: Donated to a museum

## Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 500

Date to: Circa AD 700

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 4.47 mm

Weight: 15.55 g

Diameter: 34.33 mm

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2010 - Friday 30th April 2010

## Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Laura McLean

Identified by: Laura McLean

## Other reference numbers

Other reference: OEF 6282

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Gilded

## Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Colchester](#) (District)

To be known as: Birch CP

## Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

## Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined