

LINCH PIN

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy Iron Age/ Roman linch pin terminal, which is the foot of the pin., c.100BC- 100 AD in date.

The foot has a deep circular socket, inside a cylindrical, slightly tapering shaft. This aperture would have held the iron pin, which has long since corroded away. Traces of this iron pin can be seen in the socket. At the socket is a moulded collar consisting of a concave band running the circumference of the The exterior of the shaft tapers down to the opposite terminal, to where it flares into a pointed oval head plate. The reverse of the head has a central raised ridge, the front is flat and is decorated in relief with the panels infilled with enamel, most of which is now missing. The decoration is assymetrical with a tear-drop shape at the lower terminal, and a circle at the top end of the plate. The tear-drop has a triangle taken from the end, and a circle with with a dot in the centre above at the rounded end. This dot would have been infilled with enamel. The circle has the same dot at the lower edge, nearest the tear-drop, this time some red enamel remains. The circle then has a small open triangle above. It is likely the field outside the circle and tear-drop would have been filled with enamel also but none remains.

Notes:

Sometimes this shaped terminal of a composite linch pin is known as 'hoof' type terminal (Hutcheson, N. 2004 Later Iron Age Norfolk: Metalwork, landscape and society B.A.R. 361 p. 109). Hutcheson illustrates similar examples, No. 46, and dates these to circa 100BC to circa 100AD. The closest local parallels can be seen in Stead, p44-6. These examples were found in cemetery contexts in East Yorkshire.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Period from: IRON AGE

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa 100 BC

Date to: Circa AD 100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 31.31 mm

Width: 12.84 mm
Thickness: 9.28 mm
Weight: 14.2 g
Diameter: 9.28 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st June 2010

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Incomplete
Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [North Yorkshire](#) (County)
District: [Richmondshire](#) (District)
To be known as: Ravensworth

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder
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

Hutcheson, N.C.G., 2004 [Later Iron Age Norfolk: Metalwork, Landscape and Society](#) Oxford: Archaeopress