

BUTTON AND LOOP FASTENER

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy Early Roman button and loop fastener.

Tear-drop headed, dating to c. 50 -150 AD (according to Wild's typology, 1970). It is a slightly unusual type with a solid foot rather than a loop. The head is tear-drop shaped with a raised circular boss in the widest section. This appears to have enamel on originally and some traces of red (?) remain but the pattern is unclear. It appears to have been a central lozenge (of a dark colour) with four small ovals of red enamel around the outside.

The foot projects from the base of the head, turning 90 degrees and widening, with a rectangular shaped terminal. There is linear hollow running from half way along the foot up to the widened terminal of the foot. either side of the groove, on the terminal of the foot is a raised oval, which meet where the line ends. On the reverse are hollows, two small ones behind these raised ovals, and a larger one almost tear-drop in shape, below the grooved section.

The end of the foot is flat, with a rectangular panel of enamel decoration. Again some red enamel remains, no other colours are left, it appears it was a pattern of triangles and pointed ovals.

The fastener is in fairly good condition, with a orange/brown patina but there are patches of corrosion, with light green patches. Some of the enamel has corroded to a black, it is most likely this was originally blue as black is not very commonly used.

Width of head- 16.28mm. Width of foot- 21.50 Height- 15.50mm Thickness- 9.38mm

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: ROMAN

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 50

Date to: Circa AD 150

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 54.12 mm
Weight: 25.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st March 2011

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Secondary material: Enamel
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Complete
Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [North Yorkshire](#) (County)
District: [Harrogate](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Norton-le-Clay](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE3870
Four figure Latitude: 54.124462
Four figure longitude: -1.420059
1:25K map: SE3870
1:10K map: SE37SE
Grid reference source: Centred on field
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Character undetermined