

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Unique ID: BH-17E314

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper-alloy object of uncertain date and function.

The artefact consists of a flat-sectioned, openwork plate in the form of a pair of anthropomorphic feet, set side by side, their inner edges touching. A rib separates the toes from the rest of the feet, while a series of other such ribs defines a geometric pattern, the nature of which differs between the two feet. These designs may either be random in nature or else possibly designed to create the impression of sandal straps. Some of the apertures - particularly the outer toes and the chevron-shaped central cell of the right foot - contain traces of dark blue enamel. The plate is generally well finished, the only exception being at the heels, where there are projecting casting sprues or possibly the remains of a further, now missing, element. On the underside of the object there is a right-angled projection which tapers to a rounded top point.

Dimensions: 32.8mm long, 30.4mm wide, 2mm thick (plate), 14.4mm high. Weight: 10.03g.

No parallel could be found for this artefact which probably dates from either the Roman or Medieval periods. The general form and patination suggest that a Medieval date is perhaps more likely. It may well be a product of the Limoges industry, possibly produced as a pilgrims' souvenir or as part of a shrine.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 32.8 mm

Height: 14.4 mm

Width: 30.4 mm

Thickness: 2 mm

Weight: 10.03 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 10th March 2012

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Julian Watters

Identified by: Mr Julian Watters

Other reference numbers

Other reference: Ver 12/26 - 3

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Uncertain

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Huntingdonshire](#) (District)

To be known as: Easton

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined