

STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: SOM-F6D607

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A damaged and incomplete cast copper-alloy mount, possibly a propeller shaped belt stiffener of late Roman date. The mount consists of a central circular element (diameter 16.4mm) flanked to one side by a sub-rectangular tab. There is a transverse break at the circumference of the roundel where a possible equivalent tab might have emerged. The roundel is decorated with longitudinal ridges, those towards the edge curved to follow its shape. The grooves between are decorated with incised rocker arm. The tab begins with a transverse ridge, beyond which the main field has two longitudinal ridges within an edge border. Towards the terminal of the tab is a square zone with central perforation; no rivet survives. Beyond the square is a succession of short transverse ridges.

The mount has a variable mid-green patina over a red/brown metal. The tab's terminal has been bent down slightly. If it is indeed a Roman propeller mount, such belt mounts were used transversely on belts to stiffen and decorate them (Geake 2001, 33). These mounts cross over from the late Roman period into the early Anglo-Saxon period. It is noted that medieval bar mounts operated in the same way and a later date cannot be ruled out for the artefact.

Class: mount

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 350

Date to: Circa AD 450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 31 mm

Width: 16.4 mm

Thickness: 2.8 mm

Weight: 4.24 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 5th January 2013

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Robert Webley
Identified by: Mr Robert Webley

Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 22467

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Somerset](#) (County)
District: [South Somerset](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Chiselborough](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST4715
Four figure Latitude: 50.932001
Four figure longitude: -2.755565
1:25K map: ST4715
1:10K map: ST41NE
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

Geake, H., 2001 [Finds Recording Guide Version 1.1](#) 33