

STRAP END

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete cast copper alloy strap end of Early Medieval date. Thomas Class A, Type 1avii; Wooperton-type with zoomorphic terminal and Trehwiddle decoration. The strap end is a pointed oval in shape with a zoomorphic terminal at the closed end and a slightly concaved open split terminal with two rivet holes at the attachment end. The strap end is cast in one piece but the attachment end is split into an upper and lower plate to allow the strap material to be fitted. Between the rivet holes on the upper surface is an inverted fan shaped decoration. The zoomorphic terminal is in the form of a forward facing animal head with bulbous protruding eyes, well formed snout and clearly defined curved ears. The central panel bears a chip carved looping beast with open mouth, pointed ears, bifid tail and one visible front leg. The recessed area around this image is filled with an undetermined white material. The reverse is flat and undecorated. The metal has a dark brown patina and survives in excellent condition. The strap end is 37.1mm long, 11.9mm wide, 2.8mm thick and weighs 5.8g. Late Anglo Saxon and Viking strap ends have been classified into several types by Thomas with this example fitting into Thomas' Class A, Type 1 dating broadly from the 8th to 9th centuries.

Class: Thomas Class A, Type 1avii **Sub class:** Wooperton-type

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 750

Date to: Circa AD 950

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 37.1 mm

Width: 11.9 mm

Thickness: 2.8 mm

Weight: 5.8 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: White metal

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Zoomorphic

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with other or unknown

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [North Yorkshire](#) (County)

District: [Ryedale](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Levisham](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE8389

Four figure Latitude: 54.289895

Four figure longitude: -0.726413

1:25K map: SE8389

1:10K map: SE88NW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Thomas, G., 2003 [Late Anglo-Saxon and Viking-age Strap-Ends 750-1100: Part I](#) Lincolnshire: Finds Research Group AD 700-1700. 3 , fig.1, no.1