

STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: KENT-9B1BF2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper alloy S-shaped belt hook or strap fitting dating to the Post-Medieval period, (1500-1700). The object would have been S-shaped in plan and is oval in cross-section. The remaining terminal curves narrowly towards the centre and was likely fashioned into an animal head, such as a snake or swan. Remnants of gilding can be seen on the object. The fitting is 39.42mm long, 19.28mm wide, 4.09mm thick and weighs 8.06 grams.

Read (2008, 230. nos.822-825) illustrates a number of these belt fittings, some are used as parts of baldrics and sword scabbard fittings of the mid 16th century to early 17th century. That being said however the form has a resurgence in the late 19th century on military and police regalia. The latter group tend to be larger and have more detail of the snakes body such as scale and underbelly. This example having less body detail and being smaller is likely 16th century to early 17th century.

Class: S shaped fastener

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 39.42 mm

Width: 19.28 mm

Thickness: 4.09 mm

Weight: 8.06 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Gilded

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Maidstone](#) (District)

To be known as: Marden

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Read, B., 2008 [Hooked-Clasps and Eyes](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing