

CASKET

Unique ID: DENO-392CC4

Object type certainty: Probably

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Complete copper-alloy medieval casket or box clasp. It consists of a chunky sub-rectangular plate with a three-lobed, possibly heavily stylized zoomorphic pierced loop projection extending from the slightly curved convex outer edge. In profile the plate is stepped (9.7mm to 3.1mm) with the half nearest the looped projection being two to three times the thickness of the rearward section of the plate and tapering, stepping and curving where it meets this second half.

The chunkier front half of the plate is plain on the underside with a T-shaped hole through the centre, the T being aligned with the foot of the leg pointing towards the looped projection. The opposite side (the front) of this section of the plate has a rectangular shaped hole with the cut-out for the leg of the T recessed into the base. To either side of the rectangular hole the fitting is decorated with a raised ridge and a groove. The plate has an additional decorative groove at the opposite end of the plate (the thin section) and adjacent to this are two circular rivets for attachment. The fitting has a deep green patina and file marks are evident across the front and back.

No good modern published parallel has been found, but the chrismatory casket from St Martin's Church, Canterbury has a similar clasp (illustrated in the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London for 16th Dec 1880, vol. 8, pp. 429-431). It is also similar to 14th-century book clasps.

See SWYOR-0B8297 for a different type of book fitting but with the 'zoomorphic' looped projection.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1300

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 63.5 mm

Width: 20.6 mm

Thickness: 9.7 mm

Weight: 44.5 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 14th March 2013

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Derby E7837

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Kesteven](#) (District)

To be known as: Sedgebrook Area

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.