

MOUNT

Unique ID: NMS-800B35

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Copper alloy mount, presumably from furniture, in the form of a draped youthful male wearing a wreath of vine leaves and a winged cap, a *petasos*. The youth's identity is thus implied to be a syncretism of Bacchus and Mercury, the former by the vine leaves, the latter by the *petasos*. This is unusual to say the least; images of Mercury are common in the North-western provinces of the Roman empire and Bacchus also appears but to see the attributes of both combined is remarkable.

The ties of the wreath hang over the shoulders and trail down the front of the bust's drapery whilst the cap is perched atop both wreath and the luxuriant curls of hair. This is a well-modelled piece and the eyes have drilled pupils. The back is hollow, flat and unfinished; this, together with a 6mm diameter drilled hole on the top of the cap, strongly suggests a furniture mount. Length approximately 80mm, weight 142.25g. The sensitive treatment of the subject, together with the drilled pupils, suggests that the piece is probably Hadrianic or Antonine in date (2nd century).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 142.25 g

Diameter: 80 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 4th December 2013 - Wednesday 8th January 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 51187

Other reference: ENMD012014

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Broadland](#) (District)

To be known as: Near Norwich

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.