

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Unique ID: WMID-2632A7

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy artefact of uncertain identification and function, possibly a sword pommel of Early Medieval to Medieval dating (AD 700 to AD 1500).

The artefact is sub cuboid in shape. A circular perforation (hole) is present in the base, with an internal diameter of 8.3 mm. A sub circular flat border is present around this perforation. Possible arms extend to either side. These arms curve upwards, with a recurved tip. The top of this possible sword pommel extends with these curvilinear shapes and it has been folded over with the tip touching the base.

It measures 63.7 mm in length, 26.5 mm wide and 27.5 mm tall. It weighs 115.3 g.

The artefact is a dark green colour, with an even surface patina. The possible pommel may have been affected by heat, which has resulted in the deformation of the artefact.

Notes:

Kevin Leahy (NFA Post Roman artefacts) comments: I don't know what to make of the 'pommel'. The animal's head is nicely modelled and the incised decoration is neat but I am struggling to get to work as a pommel. I am not sure about the round holes and the general form of the thing. (8th April 2014)

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 700

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 63.7 mm

Height: 27.5 mm

Width: 26.5 mm

Weight: 115.3 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Teresa Gilmore

Identified by: Miss Teresa Gilmore

Secondary identifier: Dr Kevin Leahy

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Ryedale](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE9476

Four figure Latitude: 54.171195

Four figure longitude: -0.56154785

1:25K map: SE9476

1:10K map: SE97NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst metal detecting