

PLAQUE

Unique ID: WMID-26E3E3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete gilt copper alloy plaque or inlay, of Early Medieval dating (AD 750 to AD 1200).

The plaque is rectangular in shape, with moulded decoration (?Style 1) on the front. The reverse is plain and undecorated. The decoration on the front bears similarity to that of the Tiernensch or 'beastman' motif. The decoration consists of several motifs, each appears to be multistranded. Gilding survives in the recesses.

It measures 26.6 mm in length, 13.0 mm wide and 1.9 mm thick. It weighs 2.8 g.

The plaque is a dark green to gold colour, with an even surface patina.

Several similar plaques have been recorded on the PAS database including: NCL-AED1F3; SF-4DE4E1; DOR-4F44A2; SOM-7F2A01.

Notes:

Kevin Leahy (NFA Post Roman artefacts) comments: The Style I mount is also odd, it looks superficially OK but the details are incomprehensible. We have what might be hips and legs but no toes and the ribbing across the pear-shaped hips doesn't look right. There is a pellet which might be an eye but this does not fit into any head that I can see. I wonder if it is a blundered attempt at Style I (8th April 2014).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 750

Date to: Circa AD 1200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 26.6 mm

Width: 13 mm

Thickness: 1.9 mm

Weight: 2.8 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: Complete

Surface Treatment: Gilded

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