

# CLASP

**Unique ID:** WMID-285E70

Object type certainty: Probably

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete copper alloy modified probable strap clasp, of Late Medieval to Early Post Medieval dating (AD 1400 to AD 1500).

The probable strap clasp frame is sub rectangular in plan, with a recessed back, and thin side walls. The front of the clasp is triangular in shape (pointed), with incised decoration. The decoration consists of a thin groove around the edge of the clasp front, with a central line, dividing it into two triangular areas. Each area has several groups of four small V shaped stamps. A roller is present around the strap bar. A second strap bar, made from iron, has been inserted into the centre of the sides. The space behind the clasp frame has been infilled with iron corrosion products, possibly mineralising the original strap.

It measures 31.2 mm in length, 16.0 mm wide and 6.4 mm thick. It weighs 9.0 g.

The probable strap clasp frame is a dark green colour, with an even surface patina.

The probable strap clasp frame is similar to that of a two part folding strap clasp, with crowned head or mitred head decoration. However none of those strap clasps have additional strap bars like this example. This example has thinner walls than those of the two part folding strap clasps.

**Class:** strap clasp

## **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## **Chronology**

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1500

## **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 31.2 mm

Width: 16 mm

Thickness: 6.4 mm

Weight: 9 g

## Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Teresa Gilmore

Identified by: Miss Teresa Gilmore

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Iron

Completeness: Complete

## 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