STRAP END

Unique ID: WAW-30D6E7

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An early Medieval (11th century) copper alloy strap end: The strap end has an animal head terminal which is visible in profile with an elongated point oval on either side as the eyes, and an open mouth. The body of the strap end is narrowed behind the head and is a elongated trapezoid in plan. Only a short portion of the body is split in profile to allow for the strap to be fitted. The terminals of each plate have a single rivet hole. The surface is heavily abraded and has a red copper corrosion with traces of a dark green patina. The strap end measures 43.87mm long, 7.87mm wide and 7.17mm thick. It weighs 7.5g.

Thomas (2003) classifies these type of strap ends as Class B Type 6 and comments these types of strap end with the style of animal head is diagnostic of late Viking Ringerike and Urnes style dated to the 11th century.

Thomas, G. 2003 'Late Anglo-Saxon and Viking-Age Strap Ends 750-1100: Part I' Finds Research Group AD 700-1700 Datasheet 32

Notes:

XRF results (kindly carried out by Teresa Gilmore of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery): Bruker M1 Mistral XRF, Programme 7 HV=40Hkv, Current = 79.9 aA 30s.

Zoomorphic terminal:

$$Cu = 44.52 + /- 0.23$$

$$Zn = 4.78 + /-0.08$$

$$Fe = 1.8 + / -0.08$$

$$Sn = 0.29 + /-0.05$$

$$Pb = 35.05 + -0.27$$

Attachment Terminal:

$$Cu = 54.61 + /- 0.27$$

$$Zn = 2.38 + / -0.08$$

$$Fe = 3.53 + /- 0.11$$

$$Sn = 0.39 + /- 0.06$$

$$Pb = 31.86 + -0.30$$

Class: Thomas Class B, Type 6

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 1000 Date to: Exactly AD 1100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 43.87 mm Width: 7.87 mm Thickness: 7.17 mm

Weight: 7.5 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 29th November 2012 - Thursday 27th February 2014

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: West Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Worcestershire (County)

District: Wychavon (District)

Parish or ward: **Upton Snodsbury** (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO9354

Four figure Latitude: 52.18420224 Four figure longitude: -2.10380082

1:25K map: SO9354 1:10K map: SO95SW

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined