

STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: BERK-06C0C1

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper-alloy suspension loop or belt hanger dating to the medieval period. A long bar terminates in a heavily stylised zoomorphic head, which has a pronounced snout and deeply-grooved mouth. Behind this head is a panel of cross-hatching. The bar extends vertically downwards into a basal loop (now broken) which is probably the hole through which the belt passed. Several examples of this category of artefact are recorded on the PAS database - see, for example, NMS-1EEA45, NMS-D99313 and IOW-7A0A93, BH-4A9D88 and LIN-8FAF62. There is also an unprovenanced example in the London Museum collection. It is suggested that they may have served to suspend a sword from a belt however David Williams (FLO for Surrey and East Berkshire) identifies these objects as a purse hanger for the attachment of a framed purse to a belt. For a complete example see DOR-C20CB0. Similar to HAMP-32A607. Also similar examples can be seen in Read, B, 2008, Hooked Clasps and Eyes, pages 214 - 215, nos. 771 - 773

Class: belt hook

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1450

Date to: Exactly AD 1550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 42.4 mm

Width: 8.5 mm

Weight: 10 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st January 2014 - Wednesday 19th March 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2014.084

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Zoomorphic

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU3974

Four figure Latitude: 51.46363512

Four figure longitude: -1.4399954

1:25K map: SU3974

1:10K map: SU37SE

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