HARNESS PENDANT

Unique ID: BERK-096C9C

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy heraldic horse harness penadnt dating to the 14th or 15th century AD. The harness pendant is quite large, heater-shield shaped and has an heraldic depiction on one side. The heraldic device can be described as *gules*, *a three-towered castle*, *in chief*, *a lion passant guardant*, *or*. Although a direct comparison is still being sought, the arms may be those of a town, possible Newbury. The pendant has been pierced at its base to aid attachment to the strap. The perpendicular suspension loop is extant. Traces of gilding remain.

Class: heraldic

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1300 Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 52.5 mm Width: 36.6 mm Thickness: 2.3 mm Weight: 14.4 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: 2014.087

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast Decoration style: Heraldic Completeness: Complete

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