

BELT

Unique ID: BM-8AE540

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper-alloy belt mount dating to the late second or early third century AD. The fitting comprises an openwork design of three adjoining trumpet motifs. The openwork plate is D-shaped in section. On the underside of the openwork plate, positioned at each end, there extend two circular-section lugs, the terminals of which appears to have been hammered flat. The strap fitting measures 32mm in length, a maximum of 19mm in width and a maximum of 5mm in thickness. The lugs measures 6mm in length and is 2mm in diameter. It weighs 7g. A mount with a similar design in plan was found at Zwentendorf, Austria (Hoss 2014, 181, No. B.1428 and Taf. 55).

The trumpet or '*trompetenmuster*' motif is a common decorative feature of Roman metalwork dating to the second and third century AD. See Von Jenny, W.A. (1935) *Keltische Metallarbeiten aus Heidnischer und Christlicher Zeit* for a discussion of the motif. Hoss states that there is a clear concentration of openwork mounts with trumpet motifs along the Danubian limes, while noting that they are also found in military installations from Hadrian's Wall to Morocco (Hoss 2014, 175).

Notes:

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Class: Mount

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 150

Date to: Circa AD 250

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 32 mm

Width: 19 mm

Thickness: 5 mm

Weight: 7 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Box 22, Bag 1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Darlington](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Darlington](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: NZ2115

Four figure Latitude: 54.52984883

Four figure longitude: -1.67701825

1:25K map: NZ2115

1:10K map: NZ21NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find

Discovery circumstances: While diving in the River Tees

General landuse: Open fresh water