

# 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

This information is restricted for your access level.

## 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