

BELT

Unique ID: BM-8B0862

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of a cast copper-alloy belt mount dating to the late second or early third century AD. The fitting comprises an openwork design of at least three trumpet motifs which extend from a central bar. Both this bar and the trumpet motifs are angular in form, being almost triangular in section. On the underside of the openwork plate, positioned at the terminal of one of the trumpet motifs, there extends a circular-section lug, the terminals of which appears to have been hammered flat. The strap fitting measures 31mm in length, a maximum of 24mm in width and a maximum of 4mm in thickness. The lugs measures 4mm in length and is 3mm in diameter. It weighs 4g.

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 notes that there is a clear concentration of similar mounts with trumpet motifs along the Danubian limes, but that they are also found more widely at military installations from Hadrian's Wall to Morocco (Hoss 2014, 175). She also catalogues several mounts which are similar in style and execution including B.1415 from Lauriacum, Austria (Hoss 2014, 180, Taf. 54), B.1457 from Bezirk Breclav, Czech Republic, (Hoss 2014, 182 and Taf. 55) and B.1478 from a private collection (Hoss 2014, 183-4, Taf. 56).

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: 31 mm

Width: 21 mm

Thickness: 4 mm

Weight: 4 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Philippa Walton

Identified by: Dr Philippa Walton

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 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find

Discovery circumstances: While diving in the River Tees

General landuse: Open fresh water