

BELT

Unique ID: BM-B78D21

Object type certainty: Possibly

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper-alloy loop, probably an attachment loop from a shoulder belt *phalera* dating to the third century AD. The object comprises a flat, lentoidal plate. From the upper surface of this plate, there extends a trapezoidal loop, which is rectangular in section. From the underside of the plate, there also extends a central, circular-section lug, the circumference of which narrows and then widens again to form a flat circular end plate. The lentoidal plate measures 22mm in length and a maximum of 8mm in width. The loop measures 2mm in width and thickness and at its base is 6mm from the lentoidal plate. The lug measures 6mm in length and a maximum of 7mm in diameter. The end plate has a diameter of 6mm. It weighs 5g.

See the illustrations of phalerae from Vimose, Carlisle and Saalburg (Bishop and Coulston 2009, 159, fig. 100) for examples of similar loops in situ on phalerae. There is also a close parallel for this loop in 3.693 from South Shields (Allason-Jones and Milet 1984, 208), Chesters (Chesters Museum 1444 (2968) Budge 1903, 386) and Aldborough (Bishop 1996, 68, SF 423 and Fig. 37) with the example from Aldborough also detached from its parent object. Another similar loop has also been recovered from the River Tees at Piercebridge (BM-B674D8) although this example has a semi-circular, rather than trapezoidal loop.

Notes:

SF 113. Seen 30.5.18

Class: Shoulder belt **Sub class:** Phalera

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: ROMAN

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 200

Date to: Circa AD 300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 22 mm

Width: 8 mm

Weight: 5 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Box 22, Bag 1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

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