# **CLASP**

Unique ID: BERK-1DA34A

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete copper alloy strap clasp or buckle frame dating to the medieval period. The main clasp frame is rectangular in plan with a cast knop in the form of a crowned head on the outer bar. The features including detail in the crown, the eyes nose and mouth has been enhanced by engraving. The shoulders widen below the 'neck' before turning into the main frame and decreasing in size. Gilmore's Head and Shoulders type, dating to the 14th century AD (see <a href="http://finds.org.uk/blogs/westmidlands/2011/01/06/kings-head-strap-clasps-or-buckles/">http://finds.org.uk/blogs/westmidlands/2011/01/06/kings-head-strap-clasps-or-buckles/</a>).

Class: two part Sub class: small head (crowned)

### **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 1450

## **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 28.27 mm Width: 21.67 mm Thickness: 4.13 mm

Weight: 3.1 g

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 28th April 2013

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

## Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2014.519

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast Decoration style: Figurative Completeness: Complete

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a href="Oxfordshire">Oxfordshire</a> (County)

District: <a href="#">Cherwell</a> (District)

Parish or ward: <a href="Somerton">Somerton</a> (Civil Parish)

# **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: SP4927

Four figure Latitude: 51.93935449 Four figure longitude: -1.28862781

1:25K map: SP4927 1:10K map: SP42NE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.