

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 knob 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 <http://finds.org.uk/blogs/westmidlands/2011/01/06/kings-head-strap-clasps-or-buckles/>).

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

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Anni Byard

Identified by: Miss Anni Byard

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: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)

District: [Cherwell](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Somerton](#) (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 1 metre square.