

BOOK FITTING

Unique ID: PUBLIC-1DABA9

Object type certainty: Probably

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A medieval to post medieval copper alloy book clasp of Howsam type A.6.2, dating to the 15th - 17th century AD. Made from a flat piece of metal, it has been decoratively cut to form a rectangular plate. One end is rectangular but the other end forms a point. The central section has a semi-circular shape cut out of each side. There are two rivet holes - one inside the triangular projection (still present) and the other in between the two semi-circular cut outs (missing). The surviving rivet is copper alloy and has the same surface appearance as the rest of the clasp. At the clasp end there are two rectangular tabs that are rear-ward curving to accomodate the iron cross bar. The front surface of the clasp has been decorated with zig-zag pattern (rocker-arm or wriggle-work) extending alongside the two semi-circular cut outs and behind the rectangular tabs. There is an irregular eight-pointed star engraved in between the two rivet holes. Two concentric rings frame each rivet hole.

Dimensions: length: 15mm; width at widest: 13mm; width at thinnest: 9mm; weight: 0.92g.

This book clasp is very similar to [LON-63D127](#), except the decoration varies as this example is engraved not with moulded decoration.

Class: clasp **Sub class:** Howsam type A.6.2

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 25 mm

Width: 13 mm

Weight: 0.92 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 5th May 2015

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Iron

Decoration style: Geometric

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [London](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [Tower Hamlets](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Shadwell](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3580

Four figure Latitude: 51.50281974

Four figure longitude: -0.05635779

1:25K map: TQ3580

1:10K map: TQ38SE

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find

Discovery circumstances: eyes only

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Running water