MOUNT

Unique ID: LVPL-65BC94

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A silver Roman mount. Treasure case: 2016 T35

Silver horse-harness pendant, originally probably teardrop-shaped by now broken through the middle so missing its terminal. The pendant is composed of sheet silver that narrows to a strip of metal to form the hoop, folded over the back and riveted. Although the circular rivet survives, the hoop itself is broken through and missing. The surviving pendant is decorated with lines of punched dots that radiate out from the rivet and a central straight line. In addition there are triangles of punched dots on each shoulder.

Discussion: such pendants are considered to be military fittings used to decorated the harnesses of cavalry horses. For similar items see Bishop & Coulston 2006, fig. 124, nos. 12-16. For a parallel in copper-alloy, see Crummy, N. 1981, *Colchester Archaeological Reports 2: the Roman small finds from excavations in Colchester*, no. 4647. For a similar example in silver, see 2014 T439.

Date: c. late 2nd to 3rd century AD

Surviving l.: 26.1mm Width: 19.1mm Wt.: 4.28g

Note: this item is more than 300 years old and composed of more than 10% precious metal so qualifies as treasure as stipulated in the Treasure Act 1996.

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Notes:

A similar object which can be found on the database is LANCUM-AC938E.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Submitted for consideration as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T35

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN Period to: ROMAN Date from: Circa AD 150 Date to: Circa AD 400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 27 mm Width: 19 mm Thickness: 7 mm Weight: 4.3 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 16th August 2015 - Sunday 16th August 2015

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016T35

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>West Midlands</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Shropshire</u> (Unitary Authority) District: <u>Shropshire</u> (Unitary Authority) To be known as: Much Wenlock

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land Specific landuse: Character undetermined