

# UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

**Unique ID:** LVPL-5E2140

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy and gilded fitting of Medieval date, of uncertain function. The object consists of an arm, which is D-shaped in cross-section, and a semi-circular incomplete 'frame'. The arm flattens towards its terminal end where it turns at a 90 degree angle and terminates with a rounded end which is pierced with a regular circular hole. The hole has an internal diameter of 3mm and probably held a rivet. Towards the other end of the arm is a large rounded 'bossed' rivet which remains in-situ. This measures 4.5mm in width and 5mm in height. The arm then separates and narrows forming an incomplete semi-circular 'frame'. The frame terminates with rounded breaks which occurred during antiquity. On the internal edge of the frame above the arm are two projections, one is a rounded point or spike while the other is a sub-rectangular flattened tab.

The outer face of the object is decorated with the remains of gilding containing lattice-work decoration. The object has a light green patina and the rear is undecorated. The exact function of this object is unknown although it appears to be functional such as some sort of harness or vessel fitting. The gilding and lattice-work suggests it dates to the Medieval period.

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1100

Date to: Circa AD 1500

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 45 mm

Width: 31 mm

Thickness: 8 mm

Weight: 11.6 g

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2016

## Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Vanessa Oakden  
Identified by: Ms Vanessa Oakden

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy  
Manufacture method: Cast  
Completeness: Incomplete  
Surface Treatment: Gilded

### **Spatial metadata**

County or Unitary authority: [North Yorkshire](#) (County)  
District: [Ryedale](#) (District)  
To be known as: Norton-on-Derwent

### **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software  
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

### **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector  
General landuse: Cultivated land