

HARNESS PENDANT

Unique ID: WMID-28A0B3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper alloy heraldic harness pendant of probable 14th-century date (c.AD 1250 - c.1450).

The pendant is shield shaped in plan and is complete with the suspension loop. The inlaid enamel surface is complete on the unicorn, this being yellow in colour. The enamel surrounding the unicorn is damaged and is now a mid-green colour. The same green coloured enamel is also seen on the reverse. An integral cast suspension is located on the upper edge at the centre. The loop is set at an angle of 90 degrees to the plane of the pendant. The pierced loop is complete with a circular perforation. In the areas where the enamel has been damaged the harness pendant has a mid-brown coloured patina.

Similar shaped horse harness pendants have been dated to the middle of the medieval period, specifically the 14th century. Other examples with a unicorn have been recorded by the PAS, this includes pendants discovered in Norfolk (NMS-566003), Essex (ESS-6F89E7) and two examples discovered in North Yorkshire (IHS-E3D047) and (IHS-E42161) that are linked to the Meautys family, who used the colour azure on their arms and a unicorn salient and/or erminois.

The pendant measures 44.06mm in length, 27.62mm width, and is 2.36mm thick. It weighs 9.6 grams.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 44.06 mm

Width: 27.62 mm

Thickness: 2.36 mm

Weight: 9.6 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Worcestershire](#) (County)

District: [Wychavon](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Stoulton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO9250

Four figure Latitude: 52.14822675

Four figure longitude: -2.11833136

1:25K map: SO9250

1:10K map: SO95SW

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.