

BUCKLE

Unique ID: DUR-0A36C2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy 'waisted' double-loop (also known as 'Figure of eight' or 'spectacle') sub-oval buckle frame. The buckle has a flat base and a convex profile. The strap bar has a rounded projecting knop at each end decorated with a floral pattern incised with three lines. As it narrows it appears to wrap over the frame, having the effect of pulling in the 'waist'. The outer edges of the frame are decoratively moulded with a large circular floral protrusions, again incised with three lines.

The copper-alloy pin is broken at the distal end, whilst the proximal end wraps around the strap bar. Evidence of corroded iron is apparent at the proximal end, indicating possibly an inner iron core around which the pin was wrapped.

The grey-green patina on the front of the buckle is largely corroded and only partially surviving; the patina is better preserved on the reverse.

The frame measures 52.8mm long, 26.3mm wide and is 2.77mm thick. The strap bar is 26.86mm long and 4.1mm thick. The pin is 21.72mm long and 4.7mm thick.

Whitehead (1996, 65) illustrates a similar example (no. 401), which is dated from c.1550-1650. Marshall (1986, 14) also lists a similar example (IIIC 43) from the same date range.

A number of similar buckles have been recorded on the PAS database, including SUSS-BE1664, SUSS-54BEC4, CORN-9F5F6F, CORN-F96F87.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 52.8 mm

Width: 26.3 mm

Thickness: 2.77 mm

Weight: 9.7 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 22nd December 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [North East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Northumberland](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Northumberland](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: NZ1884

Four figure Latitude: 55.15001738

Four figure longitude: -1.71910453

1:25K map: NZ1884

1:10K map: NZ18SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: metal detecting

General landuse: Cultivated land

Whitehead, R., 2003 [Buckles 1250-1800](#) Chelmsford: Greenlight Publishing 65 , 401