

BUCKLE

Unique ID: DUR-0B8A11

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 incised with three lines at each end. 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 large angular protrusions, again incised with three lines. While the pin is missing, a small deposit of iron oxide, which partially obscures the incised decoration on one of the incised protrusions (visible to the left in the image), indicates where it may have rested on the frame.

Traces of a grey-green patina are present in the incised lines decoration in the frame only. Generally the buckle is in fair to poor condition; pitting and corrosion are visible in several areas

The frame measures 50mm long, 25.1mm wide and is 1.1mm thick. The strap bar is 26.86mm long and 2.26mm 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 44) 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: 50 mm

Width: 25.1 mm

Thickness: 1.1 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

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

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