STIRRUP

Unique ID: LEIC-8C54F0

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Late Early Medieval (Anglo-Scandinavian) copper alloy stirrup strap mount, 41mm long, 44mm wide and 5mm thick with a weight of 16.32grams. The object is triangular in form and rectangular in cross section. It is missing its apex, the present upper edge containing the lower part of a circular fixing hole, so the damage is probably due to wear. Each of its lower corners has a sub rectangular projection whose outer edge is formed of two rounded projections. These correspond to rounded projections on its upper surface, which taper in width to the edge. These are possibly defined by a central linear depression?

The main body has a slightly raised solid border. Inside this the object is divided into three sections by two vertical ridges. These sections are decorated with a series of short horizontal incisions, which appear to run to the base, though this is obscured by corrosion. The lower body contains two further fixing holes, each filled with an iron rivet. These are very well preserved and have a domed surface with a central linear depression, making them resemble screws. The reverse of the object is flat and plain, except for iron staining around the fixing holes.

This object was found c. 150m away from an identical mount LEIC-8D1AC0. It would seem very likely that they formed a pair.

Only a few mounts of this form have been recorded and most have a midlands distribution, with similar examples such as LEIC-AF8883 and SWYOR-918CD4. The most similar to this example is recorded in Williams, D. 'Late Saxon Stirrup Strap mounts', p. 82 eg 379, from Wotton Warwen Warwickshire. Which shares the same linear decoration on the body and the projections.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Class: strap mount Sub class: Williams class A, type 8

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Scandinavian style

Date from: Circa AD 1000 Date to: Circa AD 1100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 41 mm Width: 44 mm Thickness: 5 mm Weight: 16.32 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Secondary material: Iron Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: East Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Leicestershire (County)

District: <u>Hinckley and Bosworth</u> (District)

To be known as: Peckleton

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.