STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: WILT-81EAA8

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy post medieval strap fitting dating to the period c. AD 1500 - 1700.

The object is composed of two shapes, a rectangle (with its top edge missing) and an open work circle (this would have been the suspension loop). The clasp is one piece and is cast made. The plate is missing. The base edge of the rectangular section has a intentional raised bent edge, decorated with three fine grooves.

The height of the clasp is 13.84mm, the width (including suspension loop) is 21.32mm, the thickness is 2mm and the weight is 1.68g.

A few examples of this clasp can be found in Read (2008) "Hooks Claps and Eyes" page 209. According to Read (2008, page 208) these types of toggle clasps were used as sword belt or hanger. A toggle wold have been pulled through and twisted in the eye, and this would have locked together (Read 2008 p208). This item and similar types cannot be classified due to insufficient information (Read 2008).

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 1500 Date to: Circa AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 13.84 mm Width: 21.32 mm Thickness: 2 mm Weight: 1.68 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 5037

Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)

District: <u>Wiltshire</u> (Unitary Authority) Parish or ward: <u>Nettleton</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST8077

Four figure Latitude: 51.49158768 Four figure longitude: -2.28946208

1:25K map: ST8077 1:10K map: ST87NW

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.