

DRESS FASTENER (DRESS)

Unique ID: SOM-C4D407

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Post-Medieval copper alloy dress fastener, probably dating to c. AD 1550-1700. The fastener consists of an oval plate with three perforated lugs for attachment, two at its base, flanking an integral sub-rectangular attachment loop and one at the opposite end, expanding from a slightly flanged collar. Expanding from the centre of either side is a bifurcating scrolled knop. The front of the plate is decorated, all cast in low relief, with a central oval field containing a scrolled motif potentially incorporating a central *en face* mask. This is defined by a solid oval border, with a second running around the edge of the plate. The space between the two borders is filled with a corded band.

Dimensions: length 37.3mm; width 22.0mm; thickness 1.9mm; weight 5.16g.

Similar artefacts can be seen published by Read (2008: 175, no. 663), which he classifies as his Class A, type 8, and suggests an early Post-medieval date range.

Class: Read Class A, type 8

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 37.3 mm

Width: 22 mm

Thickness: 1.9 mm

Weight: 5.16 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 15th February 2017 - Wednesday 15th February 2017

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt: 019207

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Somerset](#) (District)

To be known as: West and Middle Chinnock CP

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Grassland, Heathland

Read, B., 2008 [Hooked-Clasps and Eyes](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing