

BOOK FITTING

Unique ID: FAKL-5A14D0

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Medieval book clasp of Howsam type A.2, dating to c. 1300-1450. The clasp is made from cast copper alloy and is functionally a strap end of composite 'forked spacer' type (Egan and Pritchard, 1991, 140-146). Two plates, set either side of the fork, form a socket for the strap. Traces of the solder that secured them are present. In front of the fork is a 20.0mm diameter, hemispherical boss, its face marked by six, incised, radiating lines, linked by curved lines. Through the boss is a 3.2mm diameter hole which would have originally fitted over a pin, holding the strap in place around the book. The clasp terminates in a powerful, chisel-cut, animal's head, with long, lentoid ears, flanking a sharply defined, three faced, pyramid. The animal's eyes are also lentoid but set vertically. In its gaping jaws is a 5.0mm diameter loop, which on other examples has held a wire ring. These object are discussed in record IOW-6B705B, a comparable object. Length 79.8mm, Width 22.0mm, Thickness 10.0mm, Mass 38.95g.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Include in MedArch

Class: clasp **Sub class:** Howsam type A.2

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1300

Date to: Circa AD 1450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 79.8 mm

Width: 22 mm

Thickness: 10 mm

Weight: 38.95 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Kevin Leahy
Identified by: Dr Kevin Leahy

Other reference numbers

Other reference: SWY 536

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [North Lincolnshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [North Lincolnshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Whitton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE9124
Four figure Latitude: 53.70450877
Four figure longitude: -0.62295974
1:25K map: SE9124
1:10K map: SE92SW
Grid reference source: Centred on parish
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Discovery circumstances: Metal detecting