

BOOK FITTING

Unique ID: KENT-E363E8

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Post-Medieval copper-alloy book clasp dating late 16th-17th century.

Description: Fitting survives as the hook section from a book clasp and is constructed from a cut piece of sheet copper-alloy. There is the stump of broad, flat hook projecting from one end and it flares at the opposite end. There are two rivet holes at the flared edge one in the centre of one of two concentric circles flanking the other hole. The central hole has iron corrosion adhering around it and much of the surrounding sheet metal, likely relating to a now missing rivet. The clasp has two small cutaway sections at two points along its length creating pronounced although not deep indents along its length. This creates 3 segments along its length. There is a second rivet hole roughly between the hook end indents. .

The upper face of the object is decorated, in addition to the concentric circles flanking the rivet hole at the attachment end there is extensive other decoration on the clasp. Over the two segments closest to the hook end are five flowers, four evenly arranged around in a rectangle around a central one. The flowers are made up of five petals. Along each edge is a set of hashed lines.

Measurements: 44.86mm long, 22.82mm wide, 2.03mm thick and 5.38g in weight.

Discussion: A similar example can be found in Margeson (1993, 74, no. 452) dating AD 1550-1700. As well as being well represented on this database @: [LON-43AE50](#), [LON-3BE95E](#), [BUC-D7E47D](#), [NMS-AF09DE](#), [NMS-DD2E49](#) and [IOW-DE6D78](#).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 44.86 mm

Width: 22.82 mm

Thickness: 2.03 mm

Weight: 5.38 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Hand made

Decoration style: Floral

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Maidstone](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Lenham](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ8950

Four figure Latitude: 51.21791102

Four figure longitude: 0.70492428

1:25K map: TQ8950

1:10K map: TQ85SE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Margeson, S., 1993 [Norwich Households: Medieval and Post-Medieval Finds from Norwich Survey Excavations 1971-78](#) Norwich: East Anglian Archaeology