

DRESS FASTENER (DRESS)

Unique ID: WMID-F8C8B4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Post Medieval copper alloy hooked tag or dress fastener dating to the 16th century.

The object consists of one piece of copper alloy with a curved rectangular in section hook placed vertically at the lower edge. The inverted-trapezoidal lobe placed at the upper edge of the dress fastener is now missing. The body of the fastener is broadly circular in plan. The integral hook is now slightly bent and distorted and would have once attached to another fastener on a garment. The end of the hook is rounded, possibly once pointed which has been damaged in antiquity.

The decoration consists of a central circular moulded impression surrounded by seven broadly circular perforations forming a moulded relief and openwork design. The reverse of the object is flat and undecorated. The object has a mid-brown to green coloured patina across all surfaces.

Read (2008) illustrates a dress hook on page 103, No.395, which is dated to the 16th century. There are similar examples recorded on the database (SUR-9FC092) discovered in Surrey and (KENT-E25E22) discovered in Essex.

The fastener measures 28.94 mm in length, 17.09 mm in width, and 1.55 mm in thickness. Weight: 1.4 grams.

Read, B., (2008) *Hooked-Clasps and Eyes*. Langport, Portcullis Publishing.

Class: class E, type 3

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 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 28.94 mm

Width: 17.09 mm

Thickness: 1.55 mm

Weight: 1.4 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Victoria Allnatt

Identified by: Miss Victoria Allnatt

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Rugby](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [King's Newnham](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP4477

Four figure Latitude: 52.38926516

Four figure longitude: -1.35489056

1:25K map: SP4477

1:10K map: SP47NW

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Read, B., 2008 [Hooked-Clasps and Eyes](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing 103 , 395