

STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: SOM-22271D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A probable strap fitting of uncertain date, possibly Roman, c. AD 43-410. The object comprises of a flat rectangular plate of copper alloy, with a slight knob at its terminal. At the attachment end a pair of V-shaped grooves define a transverse collar, with a second corresponding pair below, just above the mid-point, helping to define a sub-circular boss. This is engraved with a lozenge containing a pellet, with the channels inlaid with niello. The rectangular field below the boss is decorated with two parallel rectangular, niello inlaid channels, with each containing a zig-zag left raised against the inlay. The plate is perforated twice along the longitudinal median line, neither respecting the decoration, and with both retaining an iron rivet *in situ*.

Dimensions: length 29.3mm; width 9.4mm; thickness 2.4mm; weight 3.35g.

Although the two separate iron rivets on the longitudinal median line is reminiscent of post-medieval strap fittings, in both its form (resembling bead-imitative Roman bracelets) and decoration it would appear to be earlier in date. A Roman date range is tentatively suggested until a parallel can be identified.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 410

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 29.3 mm

Width: 9.4 mm

Thickness: 2.4 mm

Weight: 3.35 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt: 019498

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Iron

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with niello

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST4408

Four figure Latitude: 50.86877657

Four figure longitude: -2.79717523

1:25K map: ST4408

1:10K map: ST40NW

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land