

SLEEVE CLASP

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

An incomplete copper-alloy wrist or sleeve clasp of Early-Medieval date, c.AD 450 - 570. Hines Form B18c, cast in one piece. The clasp consists of a rectangular plate with a raised bar along one long straight edge and one curvilinear edge forming five roundels, with four perforations, or sewing holes, for attachment between the bar and the roundels. The bar is decorated with perhaps eight broad transverse grooves alternating with double narrow grooves. The reverse of the clasp is flat and undecorated though the worn remains of a hook project from the centre of the straight edge.

The metal has a mid-green patina and is worn. The clasp is 35.2mm long, 15mm wide, 2.9mm thick and weighs 4.9g.

Hines (1993, p.59) discusses Form 18c sleeve clasps as being particularly popular in the north of England and describes the available dating evidence for this form as "disappointing".

Wrist clasps have been studied and classified by Hines (1993) and Penn and Brugmann (2007). Hines three levels of classification suggests a date range of late 5th to 6th century for these objects. Penn and Brugmann's chronological study of selected East Anglian grave-good types included a small sample size of wrist clasps which limited their suggested dating to the mid-to late 5th century.

As these systems have not been completely reconciled it seems reasonable to give all wrist-clasps a wide date-range of c.AD 450-570 (see <https://finds.org.uk/counties/findsrecordingguides/wrist-clasps/>).

Ref:

Hines, J (1993) *Clasps Hektespenner Agraffen: Anglo-Scandinavian Clasps of Classes A-C of the 3rd to 6th Centuries A D: Typology, diffusion and function*. Stockholm: Kungl Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademien.

Class: Hines form B18c

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon style

Date from: Circa AD 450

Date to: Circa AD 570

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 15 mm

Width: 2.9 mm

Diameter: 4.9 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 30th July 2017

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: YMT : E05580

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TA0260

Four figure Latitude: 54.02592279

Four figure longitude: -0.44443545

1:25K map: TA0260

1:10K map: TA06SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined