

DRESS FASTENER (DRESS)

Unique ID: CORN-93B05E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Part of a cast copper alloy dress fastener, the blunt-hooked clasp dating from the Post-medieval period, from the 17th century, Read Class A, Type 2. The central section is oval in plan and convex in profile with an incised floriate design of stems with stylised flowers of annulets within a border of annulets. The stubs of three broken attachment loops remain, one at the apex opposite the hook and one on either side of the base at the junction with the hook. The hook is rectangular in plan and slightly tapering as it curves forward and upward from the clasp. This hook would have slotted into a rectangular eye in the opposing hasp which would have had similar decoration on its upper face.

Read (2008) illustrates similar dress fasteners, from Dorset and Devon, on page 169, nos.630-631, which are classified as Class A, Type 2.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1600

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 30 mm

Height: 4 mm

Width: 17 mm

Thickness: 2 mm

Weight: 5.1 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 6th January 2018 - Saturday 6th January 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Cornwall](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Cornwall](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SW9245

Four figure Latitude: 50.26825286

Four figure longitude: -4.92007495

1:25K map: SW9245

1:10K map: SW95SW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Grassland, Heathland

Specific landuse: Disturbed

Read, B., 2008 [Hooked-Clasps and Eyes](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing p.169 , nos.630-631