

HARNESS PENDANT

Unique ID: WREX-6511C4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy, shield-shaped, heraldic harness pendant of probable 14th-century date (c.1250 - 1450).

The pendant is mostly complete apart from the suspension loop which is partially missing. An integral cast suspension loop located at the centre of the upper edge of the pendant is partially intact with traces of gilding. The loop is set at an angle of 90 degrees to the plane of the pendant. The pierced loop is incomplete. The front face of the pendant has a red field of enamel with a cross patoncé at the centre. There are traces of gilding which suggests the cross was originally picked out in gold. The reverse of the pendant is undecorated, but may also have been gilded. The surface of the harness pendant has been obscured by the use of renaissance wax.

Length: 41.81mm; width: 26.43mm; thickness: 2.81mm; weight: 10.4g.

Notes:

Similar shaped horse harness pendants have been dated to the middle of the medieval period, specifically the 14th century. Similar examples can be seen in Ashley (2002) page 12, examples 80 and 81. Other examples have been recorded by the PAS, this includes pendants from Kings Pyon, Herefordshire (HESH-58C353), Myddle, Shropshire (HESH-4A3A63) and Boxton, Essex (HESH-92D5F2).

Class: heraldic

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1250

Date to: Circa AD 1450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 41.81 mm

Width: 26.43 mm

Thickness: 2.81 mm

Weight: 10.4 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st March 2017 - Friday 31st March 2017

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Wrexham museum entry receipt 1228

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

To be known as: Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found while metal detecting.