

HARNESS FITTING

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An incomplete copper-alloy strap-mounted terret ring of Late Iron Age to Early Roman date. Lewis' Type 19 Dropped-Bar Form. The terret comprises a main ovate ring with 2 stubs, where the secondary ovate or rectangular loop would have been attached. The main ring is bottom-heavy displaying wear to the upper edge.

The metal has a brown and mid-green patina and is worn. The terret is 37 mm long x 37 mm wide x 9 mm thick and weighs 28.85 g.

Terret rings were used as rein guides on chariots or carts used during the Late Iron Age to Early Roman period. They were set in a line along the yoke and five terrets were usually used per chariot. This suggested function is supported by evidence of wear or fractures on many examples. The Stanwick / Melsonby hoard included a complete set of such horse trappings.

Based on depositional contexts of excavated examples Lewis (2015, p.114) concludes that such terrets are current in Britain from the mid-first century AD to the late first century AD. While they are relatively common finds there is no known evidence for their manufacture in Britain. It is possible though that such objects were made in Britain rather than imported (2015, p.112).

Class: terret **Sub class:** strap-mounted , Lewis' Type 19

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa 100 BC

Date to: Circa AD 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 37 mm

Width: 37 mm

Thickness: 9 mm

Weight: 28.85 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [North Kesteven](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TF0638

Four figure Latitude: 52.92895342

Four figure longitude: -0.42453833

1:25K map: TF0638

1:10K map: TF03NE

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