

STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: WMID-733180

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Medieval copper alloy strap fitting in the form of a swivel dating to circa AD 1100-1300.

The swivel is circular in plan and oval in profile, with a square sectioned copper alloy arm projecting from the centre of each of the sides. Both of the arms are broadly square in plan, with rounded corners at the ends terminals. The bar is slightly narrowed as it passes through the rounded swivel. The arms then expand to the terminals which are pierced with circular incisions.

The body of the swivel is decorated with a repeatign pattern of recessed lines which are placed at a diagonal angle across the object. Around the circumference of the swivel around the point where the bosity meets the arms at the perforation the decoration is in the form of two circumferential rows that are decorated with a repeating pattern of a series of incisions. The swivel has a well developed green coloured patina across all surfaces.

Egan (1998, p:296) describes chain swivels as leads for pets and also to suspend cooking pots over the fire. There are parallels recorded on the PAS database, notably WMID-FEEEE7 discovered in Warwickshire which is of a similar form and WAW-E50A69 of a similar dating discovered in Worcestershire which is more elaborately decorated.

The swivel is 39.4 mm long from end to end of the arms, and it has a maximum diameter of 26.7 mm. The swivel weighs 30.3 grams.

Egan (1998) *The Medieval Household*. London, The Stationery Office.

Class: swivel

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1100

Date to: Circa AD 1300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 39.4 mm

Weight: 30.3 g

Diameter: 26.7 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Warwick](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP3070

Four figure Latitude: 52.32727914

Four figure longitude: -1.56122138

1:25K map: SP3070

1:10K map: SP37SW

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.