

STIRRUP

Unique ID: KENT-17277D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A near complete cast copper-alloy Anglo-Scandinavian Stirrup Strap Mount belonging to Williams (1997) Class A, Type 1.

Description: The mount is of flat and sub-pentagonal in plan, with all edges barring the base are curved giving it a bell-shaped appearance. At the apex is a projecting lobe with a fixing hole aligned to it but in the main body of the mount. Along the outside edges are four additional projecting lobes aligned parallel to each other, one pair at the top and one pair lower. The upper surface of the mount an incised decorative motif, although the design is unclear due to wear. The most common design on such mounts is a symmetrical downwards facing beasts. From the remaining incised curved elements on the middle of the mount appear to indicate an asymmetrical design. There does appear to be an incised border which continues onto the apex lobe. The upper fixing hole is flanked by paired incised lines perhaps elements from the primary design.

The reverse of the mount appears to be undecorated. At the lower edge a straight probably right-angled flange projects rearwards, of uncertain type Just above the flange are two rivet holes, both have the remains of corroded rivets in situ. This mount is largely reddish brown and has some mottled light green patination.

Measurements: Width (maximum): 44.5 mm Height: 51.0 mm and Weight: 39.2 g.

Discussion: The group to which this stirrup strap mount belongs is notable for its individuality, each piece being independently engraved. Class A, Type 1 stirrup-strap mounts are flat, cast, broadly pentagonal in shape, and normally have three rivet holes. A similar heavily rounded Class A Type 1 mount was reported to the PAS ([KENT-434223](#)) from Eastling, Kent. The majority of stirrup-strap mounts date from the 11th century (Williams 1996. 2) with a possible 'terminus post quem' around 1140 (Lewis 2007, 184).

Notes:

This object was published in Kent Archaeological Review 178 (Winter 2009), p.185-187.

This object was recorded from information provided by the finder and not seen by the FLO. We thank the finder for the images of this object.

Class: strap mount **Sub class:** Williams Class A, Type 1

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late
Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL
Subperiod to: Early
Period to: MEDIEVAL
Date from: Circa AD 1000
Date to: Circa AD 1140

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Height: 44.5 mm
Width: 51 mm
Weight: 39.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 18th October 2008

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Secondary material: Iron
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Incomplete
Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Kent](#) (County)
District: [Dover](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Staple](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR2856
Four figure Latitude: 51.25754793
Four figure longitude: 1.26629559
1:25K map: TR2856
1:10K map: TR25NE
Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Williams, D., 1997 [Late Saxon Stirrup-Strap Mounts: A Classification and Catalogue](#) York: CBA Research Report 111