# STRAP FITTING

**Unique ID:** ESS-AC1646

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Copper-alloy harness or strap fitting, dating from the late Iron Age to early Romano-British period, c. 100 BC - AD 100.

The fitting is in the form of a strap slider, and has a raised bar attached to the back with a rectangular void through which the strop would pass.

The artefact is circular in shape and rectangular in cross section. It has openwork design as well as engraved relief work which defines two circles with a mirrored Celtic motif in each.

The openwork is in the form of two teardrop shaped voids. These voids do not meet at their points; instead there is a thin band of plate remaining at the centre of the circular fitting. At either side of this band, there is an inset circular design with some raised areas. It is likely that these inset areas once contained coloured enamel.

The circular designs are identical and feature curving linear shapes with two smaller incised circles toward the centre.

The surface is fairly abraded with a dark green to brown patina. Some areas also show evidence of iron staining, like the attachment points on the bar at the back.

Dimensions: weight: 23.5g, diameter: 39.0mm thickness (with bar): 8.7mm (without bar): 3.2mm

### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

### Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE Period from: IRON AGE Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa 100 BC Date to: Circa AD 100

### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 8.7 mm Weight: 23.5 g Diameter: 39 mm

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Decoration style: Curvilinear Completeness: Complete

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: Eastern (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a>Essex</a> (County)

District: **Epping Forest** (District)

Parish or ward: Abbess Beauchamp and Berners Roding (Civil Parish)

# **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: TL5611

Four figure Latitude: 51.77593212 Four figure longitude: 0.25977468

1:25K map: TL5611 1:10K map: TL51SE

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