

DRESS HOOK

Unique ID: IOW-A8C50E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete but broken post-Medieval copper-alloy dress-hook (c. 1500-c. 1650). Read Class E, Type 7 (heart shaped).

A break has occurred at the junction between the plate and hook.

The object is moulded at the front, flat and plain at the rear. It has a sub-rectangular/trapezoidal attachment loop, 'D'-shaped in cross-section, flat at the rear. The width of the attachment loop is 11.8mm. The plate/body is heart-shaped and at the front an open heart in low relief has a central trefoil pointing inwards at its top. A small pellet above the centre of the heart projects slightly into the loop. A swag at each side of the heart extends almost to the tops of the sides of the heart; they consist of a blind hole with pointed protrusions above and below. The swags join and taper into the hook. The recurving hook is 'D'-shaped in cross-section, flat at the rear and terminates with a sharp point.

The metal has corroded to a reddish brown colour with some patches of light green corrosion products on both faces. The surface of the rear face is coarse. The break is recent.

Length: 29.0mm; width: 16.8mm; thickness: 1.4mm; thickness including hook: 7.0mm. Weight: 1.71g.

A dress-hook with a similar design has been published and classified as a Read Class E, Type 7 (heart shaped). Read 2008: 112, ref: 452.

Read, B. (2008). Hooked-Clasps and Eyes. Langport: Portcullis Publishing.

Class: Read Class E, Type 7 (heart shaped)

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 29 mm
Width: 16.8 mm
Thickness: 7 mm
Weight: 1.71 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 9th September 2018 - Sunday 9th September 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: Mr Frank Basford
Identified by: Mr Frank Basford

Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2018-7-231

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)
To be known as: Isle of Wight

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Current location: Finder
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

Read, B., 2008 [Hooked-Clasps and Eyes](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing 112, ref: 452