

MOUNT

Unique ID: NMS-5E469E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Middle Saxon copper alloy mount, possibly a connector from a set of linked dress pins, dating to c. AD 700 - 800. Flat lozengiform plate with rounded corners. One face exhibits an engraved stylised zoomorphic interlace design within a line border. At either end of the plate is a rivet hole containing the corroded remains of iron rivets. The reverse exhibits a transverse scar with traces of iron corrosion along its length, possibly indicating that it was reused. Secondary attachments of this kind are relatively common in Middle Saxon metalwork. Artefacts of similar form which exhibit secondary attachments include: LIN-8FCB77 & CAM-A4DEEE, the latter described as a modified brooch.

Similar examples recorded on the PAS database include: NLM-A9E996 & SUR-D866BD, both described as linked pins, whilst DOR-FCD100 & WILT-C4F039 are described as mounts. The record for the example from Dorset notes "Linked pin connectors were typically attached to pins via rings through the pierced terminals. The rivets and solder-like material on this artefact may mean that it was re-purposed as a mount for another object, perhaps a box or book. Iron corrosion on WILT-B11376 and LIN-8FCB77, which also has a rivet in situ within one of the piercings, suggests similar reuse of such artefacts."

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 700

Date to: Circa AD 800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 16 mm

Width: 43.3 mm

Thickness: 2.5 mm

Weight: 4.7 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st January 2017 - Thursday 16th August 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 63188

Other reference: IND15082018JS

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

District: [South Norfolk](#) (District)

To be known as: Earsham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.