

DRESS FASTENER (DRESS)

Unique ID: IOW-700468

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete post-Medieval copper-alloy dress fastener eye-piece of Read's Class A, Type 2 (1500-1700).

The sub-oval plate has moulded decoration at the front and is flat and plain at the rear. At one end are the scant remains of an eye-section attachment loop and at the opposite end there is an incomplete attachment knop. There are two further attachment knops just below the attachment loop, one at each side. The centre of the plate is decorated with two addorsed flowers on stalks and with leaves springing from a central bar.

The object is reddish brown with some drab green patina. The breaks are old.

Length: 24.7mm; width: 23.0mm; thickness: 1.6mm. Weight: 3.36g.

A similar dress fastener (hook-piece) from Staffordshire is illustrated in Read (2008), page 173, number 651.

Compare with similar dress-fasteners: **HAMP-A3F757**; **HAMP-746D80**; **HAMP-7EAF42**; **NMS-09E149** and **SWYOR-283E81**.

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

Class: Read Class A, Type 2 **Sub class:** eye-piece

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: Late

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1500

Date to: Exactly AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 24.7 mm

Width: 23 mm

Thickness: 1.6 mm

Weight: 3.36 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 27th January 2019 - Sunday 27th January 2019

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2019-7-54

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

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: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Club rally

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 173, ref: 651