

STRAP END

Unique ID: DEV-68365A

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy strap end from the Early Medieval period, dating to c. AD 750-1100.

The object is wedge shaped, tapering from its broad attachment end to a slender point. It is D-shaped in cross section, although at the attachment end the upper surface is missing, resulting in a flat appearance. A series of 12 grooves run across the object horizontally, before a possibly zoomorphic design involving two circles (possibly nostrils?) at the object's tip. There is a shallow impression running vertically along the length of the reverse, but it is otherwise undecorated.

A number of examples have been recorded on the database, including DOR-8C4CE4 and WMID-780817. This is an example of Thomas (2003) Class B, probably Type 1, which he dates to the later Early Medieval period.

It is 35.6mm long, 3.3mm wide, 2.1mm thick and weighs 2.06g.

Class: Thomas Class B **Sub class:** Transverse grooved

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 750

Date to: Circa AD 1150

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 35.6 mm

Width: 3.3 mm

Thickness: 2.1 mm

Weight: 2.06 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 11th November 2018 - Sunday 9th December 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC Receipt 017906

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

Parish or ward: [Whitestaunton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST2810

Four figure Latitude: 50.88498389

Four figure longitude: -3.0249082

1:25K map: ST2810

1:10K map: ST21SE

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

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Thomas, G., 2000 [A Survey of late Anglo-Saxon and Viking-age Strap-Ends from Britain](#) London: unpublished PhD thesis, Institute of Archaeology, University College London