STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: WILT-F1C0D3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An unidentified copper alloy fragment, probably an Early Medieval or Medieval strap fitting, dating to c. AD 1000-1100. The fragment consists of a narrow strip of copper alloy, plano-convex in cross-section, and truncated by an old break at one end and a flaring, fan-shaped terminal at the other. The fragment is curved in profile. Vestigial sub-rectangular sectioned projections expand from the reverse of the fan-shaped terminal, one from either side. Although highly abraded, the juncture between the strip and terminal is expanded inot a zoomorphic animal head, with incised sub-triangular eyes. The expanded terminal is decorated with an incised cross with expanding arms, each arm containing transverse bars.

The fragment weighs 5.04g and measures 25.99mm in length, 15.12mm in width, 2.96mm in thickness asnd 5.8mm in height.

Although with different decoration, the fragment can be compared to Early Medieval strap fittings such as SUSS-34FCAE, a 'socketed hook' and WILT-BF15C1. The decoration is also fairly typical of this later early medieval date. cf. also much larger objects such as WILT-2E3C2D, which exhibit similar zoomorphic moulding.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1000 Date to: Circa AD 1100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 25.99 mm Height: 5.8 mm Width: 15.12 mm Thickness: 2.96 mm Weight: 5.04 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 5561

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Dorset (County)

District: <u>East Dorset</u> (District)

Parish or ward: Wimborne St. Giles (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU0117

Four figure Latitude: 50.95243125 Four figure longitude: -1.98713629

1:25K map: SU0117 1:10K map: SU01NW

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.