BUCKLE

Unique ID: DUR-17A248

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A large, incomplete, cast copper-alloy shoe buckle frame, dating to the Post-Medieval period (c. AD 1750-1790).

The object is an openwork frame with angled corners decorated with a pattern of moulded bead and ribbon. The openwork pattern has four extended oval-shaped holes along the long sides of the frame with four small ovals in a square on the short sides. A piece, approximately 10.75mm is missing. A tiny amount of gilding can be seen beside the break. When complete, the frame would have formed a square-shaped area housing a strap bar. Fragmentary remains on two edges of the underside indicate that the frame housed a separate spindle. The rest of the underside is flat and plain. The buckle frame measures 70.81mm in length, 53.76mm in width, 2.34mm thick and weighs 16.2 grams.

The frame is possibly a Georgian shoe buckle of the 'Artois' style, examples of which can be seen in Whitehead (2003, 107 nos. 684-689). Whitehead (ibid,103) further states that "The introduction of the Artois style was accompanied by new designs such as twisted ribbons, faceted surfaces and a predominance of cut out perforations".

Whitehead, R., 2003. Buckles, 1250-1800. Greenlight Publishing, Witham.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1750 Date to: Circa AD 1790

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 70.81 mm Width: 53.76 mm Thickness: 2.34 mm Weight: 16.2 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: North East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: County Durham (Unitary Authority)

District: County Durham (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: Scargill (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: NZ0510

Four figure Latitude: 54.48532136 Four figure longitude: -1.92433394

1:25K map: NZ0510 1:10K map: NZ01SE

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: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

Whitehead, R., 2003 Buckles 1250-1800 Chelmsford: Greenlight Publishing 101-107