

STRAP FITTING

Unique ID: IOW-161D7A

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Two post-Medieval copper-alloy sword-belt mounts (c. 1500-c. 1700).

The flat plate of the mount has a tri-lobed end with a narrowed waist underneath. This waist then expands forming rounded shoulders before tapering in width to a second waist that expands out on each side with rounded knops creating a transverse oval shape. Below the oval starts the circular sectioned hook which extends downwards before curving towards the front of the plate and ends in a rounded knop. An incomplete copper-alloy fitting similar to the hook mentioned above hangs from the hook of the plate. The front of the mount has raised floriate decoration known as 'vine-scroll'. There are two rivet holes along the centre-line and one contains the remains of an iron rivet.

Length of plate: 49.0mm; width: 18.4mm; thickness: 2.7mm; thickness including hook: 12.0mm.
Overall weight (including hanging fitting): 10.86g. Weight of smaller fitting: 4.49g.

Part of another plate, with a similar in design, was found close by.

This is one of usually three fittings that together with a upper plate (from which comes the ring on this example) formed a hanging arrangement for a sword. Read (2008: 220, ref: 793) illustrates a complete example of such a hanger which he dates to the 16th century AD.

Read, B. 2008. Hooked-Clasps & Eyes: A Classification and Catalogue of Sharp- or Blunt-hooked clasps and Miscellaneous Hooks, Eyes, Rings or Toggles. Portcullis Publishing: Langport, Somerset.

Class: sword-belt fitting

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: Circa AD 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 2

Length: 29 mm

Width: 18.4 mm
Thickness: 12 mm
Weight: 10.86 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 4th August 2019 - Sunday 4th August 2019

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2019-7-282

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Complete

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 220, ref: 793