**Late Saxon Buckles**

![Diagram of a Late Saxon buckle]

**Main Elements:**

*Frame shape:*
- A. D-shaped
- B. sub-triangular
- C. square

*Frame-bar connections:*
- 1. Beast ‘biting’ bar:
- 2. Beasts abutting bar:
- 3. Knopped:
- 4. Blank:

*Outer Edge:*
- 1. Protruding zoomorphic:

*Decoration within frame:*
- 1. Ringerike-style beasts:
- 2. Interlace:
- 3. Transverse moulding:
- 4. simple incised/punched:

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**Classification:**

**Class A (D-shaped frames)**

*Class A1: beast biting bar*

- A1i- no other decoration
  - type A1ia- simple zoomorphic decoration
    - e.g. SF3553

- type A1ib- zoomorphic decoration with large round eyes, often infilled
  - e.g. NCL-7145F3

- A1ii- decorated frame
  - e.g. YORYMB1758 (no image)

- A1iii- with protruding zoomorphic
  - e.g. LEIC-F43CE1

*Class A2: Beasts abutting bar, protruding zoomorphic often found on outer edge*

- A2i: with incised/punched decoration within frame
  - e.g. SF7560

- A2ii- no decoration within frame:
  - e.g ESS-497052

- A2iii- no beast on outer edge
  - e.g NMS-34EB22 (no image)

*Class A3: protruding zoomorphic on outer edge*

- e.g. SWYOR-E29015
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Class A4: highly devolved beasts biting bar, transverse moulding
e.g. NLM-75C340

Class A5: flat buckle frame with decoration within frame
   A5i Ringerike beasts, meeting snout-to-snout at outer edge
e.g. KENT-92DDF2
   A5ii- Ringerike beasts biting/abutting bar
e.g. NLM5242
   A5iii: zoomorphic and/or interlace decoration
e.g. BUC-829D64

Class A6- Urnes style
e.g. SF-DA7852

Class B(sub-triangular frames)
Class B1- Beast abutting bar, protruding zoomorphic on outer edge
e.g. SF8930
Class B2 - protruding zoomorphic on outer edge
e.g. SF10068

Class C (square frames)
Class C1: beasts in each corner abutting bar
e.g. HAMP-BA9FC0

Class D - other frame shapes

Class E - oval frame
Class E1 - Ringerike style
e.g. NMS593

Class E2 - Urnes style

Class E3 - Borre style
e.g. NLM730 (cf. Fishergate no.5314)
CLASS F
A group of related buckle types, all dated c.900-1100, which are flat with outer edge protrusions, and some have ring-and-dot, or dot decoration. One defined group, Class F1, show 3 protrusions right on the outer edge, and two knops at the ‘shoulder’ of the frame. F2 very similar although the 5 protrusions are more evenly spaced. Class F? appear to be related types, but a little unclear if or how they relate to the other types.

F1: copied from PAS report for NMS-DF54C4: Similar examples are known from Corpusty (HER 33442 and 33872), Little Dunham (30277), Fring (23001), Grimston (30243), Narborough (34961), West Rudham (28131), Scarning (36096), Snettisham (29871 and 38194) and Whissonsett (31800). One example from north-east Norfolk (41353) retains a sheet plate. One from Norwich (156) has been published (Norwich Households no.128). Larger examples have been found in Barton Bendish (18852) and West Walton (18947).

Undecorated (?), with trefoil outer edge, and lobed/knopped connection with bar.

D-shaped, lobed, ring-and-dot
NMS-E11876 very similar (dot only)

Undecorated (?), with trefoil outer edge, and lobed/knopped connection with bar.

NLM6194 (F?)

D-shaped, ring-and-dot, ornately lobed outer edge

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CLASS G
A group with pointed triangular outer edge on frame and integral plate. There appears to variation on a theme. cf. Fishergate finds 5311-5312. Probably 9th century.

similar to a type found at Winchester

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