

EARLY MEDIEVAL

PERSONAL ADORNMENT

Burial 31507 produced a small iron buckle from a belt. It is a narrow D-shape with the bar slightly narrower than the loop (cf York: Rogers 1993, fig. 650, no. 5046; Ottaway 2009, fig. 1.10, nos 199-200). It is a common mid to late Anglo-Saxon forms, but are also found in sixth or seventh century graves (*ibid.*, 26; Sherlock and Welch 1992, fig. 39, G32.2; Hirst 1985, fig. 35, G10.2). A short fragment of iron with a rectangular cross-section was also found in the grave; this may be just a piece of nail, but could just possibly be the remains of a strap end (cf Sherlock and Welch 1992, fig. 33, G2.3). The position in the grave shows the belt was being worn and that the corpse was dressed for burial.