

HAIR PIN

Unique ID: KENT-188DA4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of a cast copper-alloy pin of Roman date (c.AD250-400).

Description: The pin remains as the polyhedral head and a small section of the sub-circular shank which is now bent at the base. The head of the pin has 14 facets, six of which are large and lozengiform, the remaining being comparatively small and triangular. There is no visible decoration on the facets. The patina of the pin is dark grey with heavy pitting.

Measurements: length: 14.6mm; width: 8.6mm; weight: 4.61g

Discussion: Pins of this shape have been found in early medieval contexts but the absence of a collar on the example recorded here points to a Roman date. These pins are clasified by Cool (1990) as Group 15 (Faceted Head pins) with six examples illustrated (p.163, fig.9, nos.9-14) and dated late third to 4th century. Three examples of such pins are also illustrated in Crummy (1983 p.29 nos. 486-490), all found in contexts dated post AD 250.

Class: Cool Group 15

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 250

Date to: Circa AD 410

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 14.6 mm

Width: 8.6 mm

Weight: 4.61 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Kent](#) (County)

District: [Dover](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [St. Margaret's At Cliffe](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR3645

Four figure Latitude: 51.15555638

Four figure longitude: 1.37351213

1:25K map: TR3645

1:10K map: TR34NE

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.