

BROOCH

Unique ID: KENT-F97E52

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Cast copper-alloy radiate-headed brooch, comprising part of the headplate and bow. The radiate head originally had five half-round knobs projecting from its upper edge; two of these are missing and the central one is incomplete. The headplate is decorated with opposed pairs of running spirals. The bow has a central longitudinal ridge. A single perforated lug on the reverse of the headplate acted as the attachment for the iron spring and pin mechanism, which now survives only as a small area of iron corrosion. Worn transverse break at base of bow.

Parallels to the spiral decoration can be found in silver from Fritton, Norfolk (NMS-8FD211) and in copper alloy from Mill Hill, Deal (Parfitt and Brugmann 1995, no. 92g, p. 43, assigned to Werner (1961)'s Douai type) and Marchélepot, France (MacGregor 1997, nos. 65.5 and 65.12). Werner's Douai type is dated to the first half of the 6th century AD, but grave 92 at Mill Hill appears to be slightly later (Kentish Phase III, 530-570 AD).

Class: Radiate headed **Sub class:** Douai Type

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Frankish

Date from: Circa AD 500

Date to: Circa AD 570

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 29.5 mm

Width: 32.73 mm

Thickness: 10.41 mm

Weight: 6.81 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st October 2005

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Andrew Richardson
Identified by: Dr Andrew Richardson
Secondary identifier: Dr Helen Geake

Other reference numbers

Other reference: KASBP 199

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Kent](#) (County)
District: [Dover](#) (District)
To be known as: EAST KENT

Spatial coordinates

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: Character undetermined

Parfitt, K. and Brugmann, B., 1997 [The Anglo-Saxon Cemetery on Mill Hill, Deal, Kent](#). London: Society for Medieval Archaeology ,