

BROOCH

Unique ID: BERK-F75D61

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An Early Medieval (Anglo Saxon) copper alloy fragment of a florid cruciform brooch (late 6th century). Only the headplate and the bow are present, the foot and pin are missing. The headplate has a recessed panel decorated with a chip-carved with Style 1 interlaced motifs. There are three triangular knobs projecting from the head-plate. The knobs are also chip-carved to form full-face masks. A central bar emerges from the recessed panel on the head-plate and goes down the bow. The bar has a circular expansion with a pellet in the middle in the centre of the bow. On either side of this are two square panels carved in a similar pattern to the head-plate. There are the remains of a decorated lappet on one side. There are twin lugs on the reverse of the head-plate with the corroded iron remains of the spring and the cross bar present. The top knob has broken off and been reattached with a blackened material. The broken edge just below the bow has the same dark green patina as the rest of the surface suggesting the damage occurred in antiquity. Large amounts of thick gilding are still present. The brooch is very similar to one found in Sibton that conforms to Group V Florid (West 1998:94, 244, 295, 311). Dimensions: length: 50.48mm; width: 42.86mm; thickness: 15.05mm; weight: 23.23g. Reference: West, S. 1998. A Corpus of Anglo-Saxon Material from Suffolk. EAA 84. East Anglian Archaeology; Suffolk County Council; Suffolk.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Class: Cruciform

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Returned to finder.

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture:

Date from: AD 575

Date to: AD 600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 50.48 mm

Width: 42.86 mm

Thickness: 15.05 mm

Weight: 23.23 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st January 2000

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Iron

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Gilded

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wokingham](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wokingham](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Wargrave

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Returned to finder.

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m