

BROOCH

Unique ID: NMGW3387

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

The upper part of a copper alloy, T-shaped bow brooch of the Lower Severn sub-type (Hull's type 109) consisting of the upper part of a tapering bow, one short and undecorated cylindrical wing, a hinged pin mechanism and the lower part of an integrally cast chain loop with a relatively small perforation. In profile the upper bow turns down at a sharp angle. The upper bow is decorated with a near rectangular panel divided into a series of moulded lozenge-shaped cells which would originally have contained enamel. Part of a crude acanthus moulding which divided the surviving part of the bow from the missing lower half remains extant. The lower half of the bow, pin and upper part of the chain loop are missing. Surviving length 26.5mm, surviving width of head 17mm, estimated original width of head 22mm, weight 3.0 grams. For an unprovenanced parallel cf. Hattatt 1985, 89, no.387, fig.37. Mid first to second century AD.

Notes:

As a type the T-shaped bow brooch is a rather general grouping which encompasses nearly forty sub-types, several of which are demonstrably localised in their distribution. This brooch is possibly an example of Hull's corpus Type no.109 of the Lower Severn type of T-shaped brooch cf. Hattatt 1987, 102-103, fig.35.H108-9. The sub-type's distribution is mainly restricted to the counties bordering the Lower Severn (i.e. Somerset, Gloucester and Monmouthshire) although an example from the Vale of Glamorgan is not that atypical.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Post AD 43

Date to: Ante AD 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 26.5 mm

Weight: 3 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st January 1996

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NMGWPA: 2001.82.36

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Wales](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [the Vale of Glamorgan](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [the Vale of Glamorgan](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [St. Donats](#) (Community)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SS9169

Four figure Latitude: 51.409513

Four figure longitude: -3.568602

1:25K map: SS9169

1:10K map: SS96NW

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: returned to finder

General landuse: Other

Specific landuse: Unknown

Hattatt, R., 1987 [*Brooches of Antiquity: a third selection of brooches from the author's collection*](#)
Oxford: Oxbow Books