

BROOCH

Unique ID: SF3964

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Flat circular brooch, 23.5 mm in diameter, decorated with a relief animal with its head turned to look backwards. The animal is now rather worn and blurred but has four legs, a tail and a long neck ending in a head with an enormous ring-and-dot eye. There is a raised border with transverse nicks. On the reverse is a double pin bar lug, with remains of the iron pin bar and iron spring, and a transverse lug with hole and slot forming a catchplate. A similar backward-looking animal brooch found in an early 10th-century context in 16-22 Coppergate, York, gives the best archaeological date for the series (Roesdahl 1981: 75, 105).

Notes:

Included in Weetch 2013 as catalogue no. 89.

Class: back turned animal **Sub class:** Weetch type 1.B

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 750

Date to: AD 1000

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 2 mm

Weight: 9.03 g

Diameter: 23.5 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st October 2000

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: ADB 006

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Suffolk Coastal](#) (District)

To be known as: SUFFOLK ALDEBURGH

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined