

PIN

Unique ID: HAMP-1A3394

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A worn, but complete copper-alloy pin of early-medieval date. The head is roughly biconical with a flattened top. It has a maximum dia. of 6.95mm and a height of 7.1mm. It is decorated with punched ring and dots. There is a ring on the top of the head with three more, equally spaced, below it, just above the median point. There are a further three below these latter in the lower half of the head, below the gaps between those above. The pin lacks any obvious collar below, the collar being a characteristic of Middle Anglo-Saxon pins (Geake 2001, 39). The shaft is circular in cross-section and 2.6 in diameter below the head. Over a length of 14.4mm the shaft curves slightly, before tapering dramatically and bending through approximately 110 degrees. Beyond the bend the shaft continues for c. 14.7mm before bending downwards again, through around 80 degrees. The final section of the shaft is c. 12.4mm long. The pin has corroded to a dark-green colour and survives relatively well. Although it lacks a collar, the form and decoration of the head, as well as the bends, would suggest a Middle Saxon date for this object (Geake 2001, 39-40). The pin was found in two parts, broken at the first bend, and has been reconstituted by the finder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 720

Date to: Circa AD 850

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 35.05 mm

Weight: 1.675 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st January 2007

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Robert Webley

Identified by: Mr Robert Webley

Other reference numbers

Other reference: E2318

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Multiple

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Test Valley](#) (District)

To be known as: Quarley CP

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Geake, H., 2001 [Finds Recording Guide Version 1.1](#) 39-40 ,