

BROOCH

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An incomplete copper-alloy zoomorphic plate brooch of Roman date. The brooch is in the form of a dog that is flat, slightly bent and missing its neck and head due to old breaks. It has a sub-triangular shaped body with narrow hind leg and thin tail that curves slightly forwards above the hind end of the animal. The front leg is thin and extends forwards to give the impression that the animal is running. On the front face is a large recessed field that covers the majority of the body and preserves traces of blue enamel. On the back face at the hind end of the dog is an integrally cast semi-circular double lug where the copper-alloy pin hinges. This is circular in section with a flattened D-shaped plate at the lug, and tapers towards a relatively sharp point. The brooch measures 29.52mm in length, 16.64mm in height, 1.32mm in thickness, and weighs 3.01g. Similar zoomorphic brooches in the form of dogs are published by Hattatt (1989: nos. 610, 1187-1188) with his no. 610 providing the closest parallel to the current example. These indicate a date in the 2nd century AD for the brooch.

Class: Zoomorphic (dog)

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 29.52 mm

Width: 16.64 mm

Thickness: 1.32 mm

Weight: 3.01 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st September 2009

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Andrew Brown

Identified by: Dr Andrew Brown

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

To be known as: Thurston

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

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Hattatt, R., 1989 [Ancient Brooches and Other Artefacts: A fourth selection of brooches together with some other antiquities from the author](#) Oxford: Oxbow Books , nos. 610, 1187-1188