

# BROOCH

**Unique ID:** DUR-FF0ED2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy Anglo-Saxon cruciform brooch from the 6th century AD. The side and top knobs are semi-circular and hollow and have been cast integrally to the brooch. The headplate is square with a slightly raised sub-rectangular central panel which runs from the top knob to where the head meets the bow. This panel widens towards the bow. The bow is concave and has a central vertical grooved line as decoration. The lappets on each side of the flat panel below the bow extend vertically outwards before curving downwards and narrowing to a rounded terminal. The upper part of the catchplate is on the reverse of the flat panel. The foot has a zoomorphic terminal with two eyes picked out by raised dots and nostrils picked out by curved grooves above the spatulate extension. It has been repaired in antiquity, just below this flat panel section, and the terminal has broken off since that repair. It appears the repair was made by putting two circular rivets in the foot, in between the terminal and the flat panel. A small repair piece must have been attached to the brooch by these two rivets in order to hold the two parts together. The upper rivet is now missing as is this stabilising piece although a hole can be seen on the top of the terminal piece. The base of the main piece is irregular with a section missing, showing how the brooch broke.

EDIT 16/04/2018:

Martin (2015, 267) has classified this brooch as Type 3.2.1 "Londesborough", the most populous Cruciform brooch type. Other examples identified within the region include Greenbank Darlington (Miket and Pocock 1976), Andrew's Hill Co. Durham (Hamerow 1995). See also Grave Assemblage DUR-75B54D, with two further Teesside examples.

Refs:

Hamerow, H., Pickin, J., CAPLE, C., CLOGG, P., HENRY, P., LANGSTON, J., 1995. An Early Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Andrew's Hill, Easington, Co. Durham. *Durham Archaeological Journal* 11, 35-66.

Martin, T.F., 2015. *The cruciform brooch and Anglo-Saxon England*, Anglo-Saxon studies. Boydell Press, Woodbridge, Suffolk, England.

Miket, R., Pocock, M., Myres, J.N.L., Swanton, M.J., 1976. An Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Greenbank, Darlington. *Medieval Archaeology* 20, 62-74. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00766097.1976.11735392>

**Notes:**

Included in Martin 2015 as catalogue no. 658.

**Find of note status**

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

**Class:** Cruciform **Sub class:** Martin type 3.2.1

## Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL  
Subperiod from: Early  
Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL  
Subperiod to: Early  
Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL  
Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon  
Date from: Circa AD 475  
Date to: AD 550

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1  
Length: 142.5 mm  
Width: 79.25 mm  
Weight: 69.1 g

## Discovery dates

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

## Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.  
Recorded by: Miss Frances McIntosh  
Identified by: Miss Frances McIntosh  
Secondary identifier: Dr Kevin Leahy

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy  
Completeness: Incomplete  
Surface Treatment: Stamped

## Spatial metadata

Region: [North East](#) (European Region)  
County or Unitary authority: [Darlington](#) (Unitary Authority)  
District: [Darlington](#) (Unitary Authority)  
Parish or ward: [Coatham Mundeville](#) (Civil Parish)