

BROOCH

Unique ID: SF9195

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Unusual object which appears to be an annular brooch. Four sides of an originally hexagonal frame survive, with a D-shaped cross-section; internally the brooch is circular. In the centre of one side is a projecting human head modelled in the round, with hair cut in a square shape to frame the face. The features are strongly and severely modelled, with big relief eyebrows meeting the top of the flattish triangular nose, lower-relief eyes, cheeks and chin, and a line for the mouth. A short neck connects the head to the frame of the brooch, which resembles stylised shoulders and angled arms. At one 'elbow' is a broken pin constriction. The opposite 'elbow' has no corresponding pin rest. Beyond this corner, the frame narrows to the next. Here the frame has broken at a bifurcation, perhaps originally a small loop, which looks a little like a hand. A plausible reconstruction has each 'hand' holding a bar which completes the frame, but no parallel has been found to check this. All breaks are old and worn.

Class: annular

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 1066

Date to: AD 1540

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 37 mm

Width: 26 mm

Thickness: 7 mm

Weight: 5.68 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st February 2002

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Waveney](#) (District)

To be known as: BLUNDESTON

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on parish

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Other

Specific landuse: Unknown