

BROOCH

Unique ID: SF-A3DA55

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper-alloy Roman Hod Hill bow brooch. It is complete with the exception of the pin, which is missing due to old breaks. The head of the brooch is flat, rectangular in form and folded forwards to encase the separately cast axis bar. At the centre of the head is a rectangular pin slot through which the now missing pin would originally have hinged. The rectangular bow is curved in profile and has moulded decoration on its front face. This comprises flanged/fluted sides with two vertical ridges at the centre separated by a deep flute. Each ridge has multiple transverse notches producing a cabled effect. At the base of the bow is a narrow collar followed by a projecting transverse ridge that indicates the start of the foot. The foot itself is flat, triangular in form, tapering towards the base where there is a projecting transverse terminal ridge. On the back face of the foot is an integrally cast copper-alloy catchplate that is triangular in form with a folded outer edge. The front face of the entire brooch has traces of an added white metal coating. It measures 40.02mm in length, 13.35mm in width at headplate, 7.69mm in width at bow, 1.81mm in thickness, and weighs 2.72g.

This is a Roman Hod Hill bow brooch with published parallels noted in Hattatt (1989: nos. 313, 1499). It is of 1st century AD date, c.43-100 AD.

Class: Hod Hill

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 40.02 mm

Width: 13.35 mm

Thickness: 1.81 mm

Weight: 2.72 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st August 2010

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: ELV 013

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Forest Heath](#) (District)

To be known as: Near Bury St Edmunds

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

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