BROOCH

Unique ID: NMS-B913D5

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An Early Saxon copper alloy brooch in the form of a stylised bird in profile, with a raptor-like hooked beak, blind hole for the eye, collared neck, a folded wing along the back and an incomplete crescent moulding for the foot. The collar, edge of the wing, and foot are decorated with stamped annulets, and traces of an engraved line along the edge of the body can be seen. There is a also a groove dividing the upper and lower parts of the beak. The tail, and either end of the crescent moulding, are missing. On the reverse, just before the break at the tail, is a single pin lug retaining a fragment of highly corroded iron pin, and an incomplete rectangular catch-plate with traces of iron corrosion to one side. The surviving length is 37mm and the width is 18mm. For examples of a generally similar form, see MacGregor (1997, 145, no.70.3 and 70.4). This example dates from the 5th - 6th century.

Class: bird

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL Subperiod from: Early Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL Subperiod to: Early Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon style Date from: Circa AD 400 Date to: Circa AD 600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 37 mm Width: 18 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st October 2010 - Sunday 31st October 2010

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 55523

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Eastern</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Norfolk</u> (County) District: <u>South Norfolk</u> (District) To be known as: Bressingham

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

MacGregor, A., with Flora, H., Lloyd, M., Hook, M. and Roberts, L., 1997 <u>A summary catalogue of</u> <u>the Continental archaeological collections: Roman, Iron Age, Migration period, early Medieval</u> Oxford: Archaeopress 145,