BROOCH

Unique ID: SF-77B7A1

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper-alloy middle or late Early-Medieval ansate brooch of Weetch's type X.C. It is missing the pin due to old breaks but is otherwise complete. The brooch is rectangular in plan and D-shaped in section with a flat back face and rounded front face. At each end are rectangular terminals that taper slightly towards their ends and are decorated with transverse moulded ridges across their tips and bases. These are connected by a steeply curved bow that is semi-circular in profile, D-shaped in section and has a transverse moulded ridge at its centre. On the back face of the brooch one terminal has an integrally cast double lug that is semi-circular in form and has central circular apertures, one of which retains the corroded remains of an axis bar or pin. On the back face of the opposite terminal is an integrally cast catchplate, which is flat, rectangular in form with hooked catchpiece and set at an angle of ninety degrees to the plane of the brooch/terminal. The entire object measures 39.72mm in length, 9.30mm in width (at bow, 8.70mm at terminal), 2.90mm in thickness at bow, 22.26mm in height, and weighs 9.34g.

This ansate brooch is of middle or late Anglo-Saxon date similar to examples recorded from Suffolk (e.g. West, 1998: no. 12.1; SF-03C300, SF-B258C5). It belongs in Thorle's Group XC brooches (Thorle, 2001: fig. 52) and Weetch's type X.C, and dates to the 8th or 9th centuries AD, c.720-850 AD, if not continuing later into the 10th century.

Notes:

Included in Weetch 2013 as catalogue no. 1297.

Class: ansate Sub class: Weetch type X.C

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon style

Date from: Circa AD 700 Date to: Circa AD 1000

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 39.72 mm Height: 22.26 mm Width: 9.3 mm Thickness: 2.9 mm Weight: 9.34 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st April 2011

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Eastern</u> (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Suffolk (County)

District: St. Edmundsbury (District)
To be known as: Great Barton

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software 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