

PIN

Unique ID: LEIC-709A97

Object type certainty: Probably

Workflow status: Published

Early medieval copper alloy pin, 38mm long, 15mm wide and 3.5mm thick. It is in fair condition with a weight of 4.09grams. The object consists of a plate of metal which has been rolled to form a circular sectioned shaft. At the top of the shaft the metal has been split into two strips which have been rolled to form two spirals. These then meet creating a 'love heart' shaped terminal with a void below the spirals.

Pins like this are rare. Helen Geake has identified this as a Ross type LXVI. These do not begin before the seventh century. They continue into the late Anglo-Saxon period (up to 1100), but if this find is from a grave it would have been deposited before 720. The object could be a grave find, as many other objects associated with burials have been found close by and objects such as LEIC-6F3475 (tweezers) could also date to this period.

Notes:

Parallels from graves are relatively few and generally are not well published. include Goblin Works (Surrey Arch Coll 79, 67-97 and 81, 1-18) and see Pretty in Brodribb 1972 (Shakenoak).

Unstratified parallels include one from Felixstowe (now in the BM; West 1998, fig. 46.1) which has a similar construction, with rectangular-section spirals but a circular-section shaft.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon style

Date from: Circa AD 600

Date to: Circa AD 1100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 38 mm

Width: 15 mm

Thickness: 3.5 mm

Weight: 4.09 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Hand made

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Melton](#) (District)

To be known as: nr Melton

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.