

BROOCH

Unique ID: SWYOR-201A54

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy zoomorphic plate brooch dating from the Roman period, probably the 2nd century. The brooch is in the form of a running animal (possibly a stag) looking backwards over its shoulder. The snout is rounded; the eye is an incised pointed oval with a circular depression in the centre; the ear is another pointed oval defined by grooves and the back of the head is broken but appears to have had a projection (perhaps antlers). The body is decorated with a recessed cell filling the body and chest. The front leg is defined by moulding; the foreleg is missing. The flank of the back leg is not recessed and the lower legs are again missing. The edges are rounded and there are transverse notches on the upper back and neck. On the reverse is a corroded double log holding a hinged pin of which only the hinge survives. The catchplate is incomplete and is at the head end. The brooch is similar in shape to an incomplete example in Hattatt, number 1417 on page 363. Compare also NMS-365796 which is also in the form of a backwards facing stag. This design seems unusual and there is only the one parallel on the database. Zoomorphic brooches of hares or hounds are more common.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Potential for inclusion in Britannia

Class: plate **Sub class:** zoomorphic

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 28.68 mm

Width: 19.3 mm

Thickness: 6.15 mm

Weight: 3.64 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 25th September 2011

Rally details.

This object was found at [Castle Hedingham \(Essex\) 25 Sept 2011](#)

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Amy Downes

Identified by: Dr Kevin Leahy

Other reference numbers

Other reference: PAS form number 1623

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Braintree](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Castle Hedingham](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TL7835

Four figure Latitude: 51.984936

Four figure longitude: 0.590698

1:25K map: TL7835

1:10K map: TL73NE

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land