BROOCH

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Cast copper alloy nummular brooch, 24mm in diameter and bearing, on its face, a profile bust of a man, facing right. His face is in moulded detail with a sharp nose, curved chin and a large pellet eye surmounted by an L shaped brow. The hair is represented by a series of short radiating lines surrounded by a line of small pellets. Around the edge of the disc are three circumferential rings of raised pellets, each smaller than the pellets in the ring they surround. On the back of the brooch is perforated lug through which the pin was attached. The catch plate is missing.

This brooch belongs to series originally based on coins of the Carolingian Emperor Louis the Pious (814-840) which, in turn, were based on late Roman coins. The three rows of pellets around the edge represent the rings of beaded filigree mount which surround the coin on the original brooches. These brooches were copied with increasing crudity, this example is likely to have been imported from the continent, but may be a local product.

Brooches of this type are discussed in Leahy, K 2006, 'Anglo-Saxon coin brooches' in B. Cook and G. Williams *Coinage and History in the North Sea World c. 500-1250* pp 267-286

Find of note status

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Class: Nummular

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: Carolingian style

Date from: Circa AD 830 Date to: Circa AD 950

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 1.5 mm Weight: 3.6 g Diameter: 24 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: Eastern (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Cambridgeshire (County)

District: <u>East Cambridgeshire</u> (District)
To be known as: Near Newmarket

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Metal detecting

Leahy, K., 2006 Anglo-Saxon coin brooches Leiden and Boston: Brill