

BROOCH

Unique ID: PUBLIC-7CEFB8

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A Roman, copper alloy zoomorphic (horse) brooch, facing right. The object is sub-rectangular in plan with a sub rectangular protrusion which forms the head of the horse and four lower, small protrusions which represent limbs. The head of the horse is finely molded with an ear, eye and muzzle. The body of the horse is decorated with 12 circular depressions on the surface which would once have contained enamel settings. The reverse of the brooch has a copper alloy catch plate and sub-rectangular spring located just above the beginning of the forelimb and the hind quarters respectively. The brooch dates from the 2nd or 3rd centuries, similar examples can be seen in Hattat (1989) page 359.

The brooch is 41.5mm long, 24.2mm wide, 4.1mm thick and weighs 13.6 grams.

Notes:

A brooch decorated in a similar style has also been found in Kent: PUBLIC-579897

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Class: Zoomorphic (horse)

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Exactly AD 300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 41.5 mm

Width: 24.2 mm

Thickness: 4.1 mm

Weight: 13.6 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 19th August 2012

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Zoomorphic

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Medway](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Medway](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Strood

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: In ploughed soil

Current location: With finder

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth less than 0.25 m

Hattatt, R., 2000 [A Visual Catalogue of Richard Hattatt's Ancient Brooches](#) Oxford: Oxbow Books
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