

BROOCH

Unique ID: PUBLIC-579897

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Roman copper alloy zoomorphic (horse) brooch, facing right. The object has a sub-triangular body with a sub triangular protrusion from the front which forms the long neck and head of the horse. The very front of the body has been broken away but suggests that it would have represented two fore limbs extending forward; one of which can still be made out. The head of the horse is finely moulded with an ear and muzzle while the eye is formed of a circular field filled with coloured enamel. The body of the horse terminates in an old break before reaching the hind quarters and rear legs.

The body of the horse is decorated with twelve circular depressions on the surface which still contain enamel settings of differing colours. The reverse of the brooch has a copper alloy catch plate located just above the beginning of the fore limb. The brooch probably dates from the 2nd or 3rd centuries. A brooch decorated in a very similar style has been found in Kent and can be seen on the database: PUBLIC-7CEFB8. The posture of the horse is very reminiscent of the Hippocampus brooches, for example: BERK-451FB5. However it is not possible to determine whether it is a Hippocampus type due to the loss of the back portion of the brooch.

Find of note status

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

Class: Zoomorphic (horse)

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 25 mm

Width: 20 mm

Thickness: 5 mm

Weight: 3.5 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 29th September 2013 - Sunday 29th September 2013

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Enamel

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Zoomorphic

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Canterbury](#) (District)

To be known as: barham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.