BROOCH

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An incomplete cast copper alloy brooch of Colchester derivative Polden Hill (flat wing ends type, West Midlands) of Roman date (80-120 AD). One of the wings is lost the other is semi-cylindrical with eroded wing / end caps. The axis bar, spring and pin are lost; the spring would have attached by an external loop which is attached to a rearward facing hook located at the centre of the wings on the upper edge. A large depression is present at the mid point of the reverse - between the wings - this is filled with a mid grey coloured porous cement / adhesive. The profile of the brooch is curved / comma shaped. The bow head of the brooch is hump-like, and slightly angular. The bow is semi-circular (D-Shaped) in cross section. It tapers to a blunted point. The catch plate on the reverse face of the bow is lost; it expands from a ridge below the head. It is difficult to know if the brooch was decorated due to its eroded state. The brooch is poorly preserved with a mid-green coloured eroded surface patina. Similar brooches can be seen in Richard Hattatt's Visual Guide to Ancient brooches pp 300 fig; 159.

The brooch measures 48.9mm length, 16.6mm width across the wings and 7.0mm across the bow; it is 3.1mm thick at the same point. The brooch weighs 6.7 grams.

Class: Colchester derivative Polden Hill (flat wing ends type, West Midlands) **Sub class:** Mackreth 2011, 4.a-4.b, 4c

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN Period from: ROMAN Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Exactly AD 80 Date to: Circa AD 120

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 48.9 mm Width: 7 mm

Thickness: 3.1 mm Weight: 6.7 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Hereford Museum Entry Form: HFDMG 2768

Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

Region: West Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Shropshire (Unitary Authority)

District: **Shropshire** (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Cleobury

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m