BROOCH

Unique ID: BERK-056093

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy small square-headed brooch dating to the early-medieval (Anglo-Saxon) period. The brooch has been subjected to high temperatures as the lower half of the brooch has been melted and is now twisted and buckled. The brooch has a rectangular head plate that has zoomorphic mouldings in Salin's Style 1, appearing to comprise an intertwined beast. The bow of the brooch has raised ribbed elements but any other detail is obscured by the melted metal. The reverse of the brooch is heavily encrusted with iron, the remains of the pin. It is unclear whether the brooch was being intentionally melted down for re-use or is actually indicative of cremation, which seems most likely; the heat damage is too extensive to have been caused by stubble burning and is likely ancient in occurance. These brooches date from the later 5th to 6th century AD.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Class: small square headed

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 475 Date to: Circa AD 600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 35.85 mm Width: 17.5 mm Thickness: 6 mm Weight: 8.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st January 2014 - Wednesday 19th March 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2014.079

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Secondary material: Iron Manufacture method: Cast Decoration style: Zoomorphic

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: West Berkshire (Unitary Authority)

District: West Berkshire (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: Welford (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU3974

Four figure Latitude: 51.46363512 Four figure longitude: -1.4399954

1:25K map: SU3974 1:10K map: SU37SE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land