

BROOCH

Unique ID: SOM-F9D5FA

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragmentary cast copper alloy developed T-shaped brooch of early Roman date. Present is the most of the head and upper bow; the pin, lower bow, including leg and catch-plate, are missing. The head is formed of cylindrical wings with a central slot. One of the wings is broken with only about half of the original wing surviving. Orange/brown corrosion product in the slot and on the lower surface of the bow below suggests that the axis bar for the hinged pin was made of iron. Both wings are decorated with a trio of grooves, thus creating a pair of ridges, at the end largely on the lower surface. There is no evidence for a tab or loop at the head.

The bow has a flat rectangular cross-section. It projects at c. 30 degrees from the head, with the main part flat and in the same plane as the wings. The bow would have been decorated with three abutting raised lozenge shaped cells with central lozenge shaped recesses to take enamel; only one-and-a-half cells are visible at the point of break. The outlines of the moulded cells are emphasised by incised lines. A fragment of light-blue enamel is retained in the broken cell. There is a possible longitudinal ridge between the pin slot and upper cell. The sides of the upper bow are rebated.

The breaks are old. The fragment has an even dark-brown patina.

Bayley and Butcher (2004, 167) suggest this type is mainly South Western in distribution and dates to the later first - early 2nd century AD (c. AD 75-150). For a local parallel see Leech (1980, 108; no. 17).

Class: T-shaped **Sub class:** Developed

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 75

Date to: Circa AD 150

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 14.5 mm

Height: 5.6 mm

Width: 20.8 mm

Weight: 2.11 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 16623

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Iron

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Fragment

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Somerset](#) (District)

To be known as: Near Wincanton

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

General landuse: Cultivated land

Leach, R., 1980 [Excavations at Catsgore 1970 - 73](#) 108 , 17