

BROOCH

Unique ID: WILT-E5C400

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Incomplete and rather peculiar copper alloy Roman Trumpet derivative brooch, missing its spring and pin. Some narrow parts of the brooch are also broken. It does not fit with a Hattatt type.

The classic trumpet head is rectangular in shape, the long sides being horizontal to the vertical bow and the short sides curved. A curving lip at each corner smooths any angles. Decoration flanks the lip at its join with the head in the form of tiny punched dots.

To the front, the bow projects forward from the top of the head, curves outwards then drops c.27mm to a lip. This lip appears to curve upwards and although now broken (old break) it probably curved backwards too, to create an openwork area, and join with an oval-shaped boss topped with a 3.5mm in diameter circular boss (hollow and missing its setting), altogether standing 5.5mm proud of the bow and sitting just below half way from the head. This comprises the top half of the bow.

Behind this top half extends the bottom, sandwiching a 1mm thick layer between which is decorated with tiny incised diagonal lines. It extends just beyond the top half. The bottom half extends from the bottom of the head and joins the top half behind the oval-shaped boss to create another openwork area, although this is now worn and broken away.

Roughly at the point where the lip on the top half curves upwards, the catchplate extends to the rear of the bow, dropping 8mm before extending outwards and downwards. The curl is missing, worn away.

To the front, the bow drops in a straight line, slightly angled backwards, to the foot, which projects forwards at a c.45 degree angle. It has two collars above it and is hollow (it is circular in section and hoof-like), which may have held enamel.

Length 55mm. The brooch dates to the 1st or 2nd century and is probably an unknown regional type.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 55 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st March 2004

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

Parish or ward: [Tisbury](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST9529

Four figure Latitude: 51.06031587

Four figure longitude: -2.0727227

1:25K map: ST9529

1:10K map: ST92NE

Grid reference source: Centred on parish

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.