

BROOCH

Unique ID: HESH-66219E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Incomplete cast copper alloy La Tène I style bow brooch of later Iron Age date (400-250BC). The brooch is incomplete consisting only of the central bow and upper foot; both the spring and head are lost through an old breaks. From the top of the brooch the bow expands in both width and thickness forming an angular bow with a D shaped cross section. The bow tapers towards the base and terminates in an eroded blunt pointed foot. To one side of the foot is a cast projection with a rolled edge - this is badly abraded but is an integrally cast catch-plate. The exterior face of the brooch - along the spine of the bow is decorated with a single vertical line of pellets. The brooch is a mid grey green colour with an abraded polished surface patina that is best preserved on the underside of the bow. Similar brooches can be seen in Richard Hattatt's Visual Guide to Ancient brooches from Cold Kitchen Hill, Wiltshire (p 288 fig; 147, specifically 4*). Sophie Adams, of University of Leicester has suggested that this brooch is most likely to be a La Tene Type 1Bc (after Hull and Hawkes 2925 and 2923). These examples are both relatively small in size and often have decoration on the upper part of the bow.

The brooch fragment measures 40.4mm length, 9.5mm width across bow, is 5.3mm thick at the same point, and weighs 7.3 grams.

Find of note status

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

Class: La Tene I

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Date from: Circa 400 BC

Date to: Circa 250 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 40.4 mm

Width: 9.5 mm

Thickness: 5.3 mm

Weight: 7.3 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Peter Reavill

Identified by: Mr Peter Reavill

Other reference numbers

Other reference: HFD Entry Form No: HFDMG 2800

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Linear

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Luston

Hattatt, R., 2000 [A Visual Catalogue of Richard Hattatt's Ancient Brooches](#) Oxford: Oxbow Books