

BROOCH

Unique ID: SF-CA0B51

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper-alloy cruciform brooch of Early-Medieval/Anglo-Saxon date. It is missing the spring, pin and foot due to old breaks. The headplate is rectangular in form with an integrally cast knob at the top centre. This is half-round with flat back face, semi-circular head, narrow neck and expanded collar decorated with multiple transverse grooves on the collar and the base of the head. The headplate itself has a slightly raised central rectangular panel with flattened rectangular wings to either side. It has decoration comprising single bands of punched V-shaped(?) motifs running up each side of the central panel forming an almost continuous scroll or zig-zag shaped band. Further bands of punched concentric V-shaped motifs run up each outer edge of the wings. On the back face of the head is an integrally cast single semi-circular pin lug with central circular aperture and iron staining where the now missing pin would have once been positioned. At the base of the head is the integrally cast bow. This is rectangular in form, curved in profile, with flattened rectangular panels at top and bottom. Each panel has single semi-circular notches to either side, with pairs of transverse grooves at top and bottom. The bow between the panels is faceted with a central vertical rib that has a central groove flanked on either side by vertical bands of double punched dots. The entire object measures 53.55mm in length, 24.02mm in width at head, 12.61mm in width at bow, 4.89mm in thickness at bow, and 19.80g in weight.

This is an incomplete Anglo-Saxon cruciform brooch. It is similar to examples recorded from Suffolk (e.g. West, 1998: nos. 102.7, 108.1; MacGergor and Bolick, 1993: nos. 12.6, 12.14) and is of Early Anglo-Saxon date, perhaps c.480-550 AD.

Class: Cruciform

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon

Date from: Circa AD 480

Date to: Circa AD 550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 53.55 mm

Width: 24.02 mm

Thickness: 4.89 mm

Weight: 19.8 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st January 2015

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Andrew Brown

Identified by: Dr Andrew Brown

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Breckland](#) (District)

To be known as: Larling

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined