BROOCH

Unique ID: BH-DA5013

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A Roman copper-alloy Colchester derivative Polden Hill (flat wing ends type, West Midlands) brooch, probably dating from late 1st to early 2nd century AD. The wings comprise a half-cylinder, open on the underside but with capped ends. The spring, which is intact, consists of ten coils and an external chord. A central axis bar is contained within the spring coils, passing through a perforated central lug, its ends sitting in perforations in the aforementioned end-caps. The external chord is held in place by a second perforated lug, located above that for the axis bar. The bow arches above the level of the wings, with a step on either side of its top end. It is of oval cross section and gradually tapers towards the bottom, where there is a moulded footknob and, on the underside, an openwork catchplate with two interlocking perforations and a rolled outer side. The lower end of the pin is missing.

Length: 56.5mm; width: 29.9mm; depth: 20.7mm. Weight: 18.91g.

The general form of this brooch, with its high-arching bow, is typical of mid 1st century Dolphin brooches; however, the presence of perforated central lugs is unusual, being a typical feature of the Colchester-derivative. In addition, the perforated end caps on the wings, and the presence of a step, on the back of the head, are typical features of the Polden Hill brooch rather than the Dolphin.

Class: Colchester derivative Polden Hill (flat wing ends type, West Midlands)

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN Period from: ROMAN Period to: ROMAN Date from: Circa AD 80

Date to: Circa AD 120

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 56.5 mm Width: 29.9 mm Weight: 18.91 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 4th January 2015

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Ver 15/29 - 11

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Oxfordshire (County)

District: West Oxfordshire (District)

To be known as: Milton-under-Wychwood

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined