

BROOCH

Unique ID: BERK-3E22D3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy button brooch of early-medieval (Anglo-Saxon) date (c. AD 450-550). The brooch is missing only its pin and a small part of the catchplate on the reverse, otherwise it is complete. The brooch depicts a facemask within a concentric circle. The brow is made from two thick horizontal lines above the eyebrows and nose, which is formed from two inverted L-shaped mouldings, on reversed. The mouth is formed from a semi-circular moulding. The eyes are oval and cheekbones, or possibly helmet cheekpieces, are formed of curved rectangular mouldings. The upturned rim of the brooch is slightly damaged but nonetheless complete. Traces of gilding survives on the facemask.

Class: button

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 450

Date to: Circa AD 550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 6 mm

Weight: 4.5 g

Diameter: 19.9 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: OXPAS2014.968

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Figurative
Completeness: Incomplete
Surface Treatment: Gilded

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)
District: [Cherwell](#) (District)
To be known as: Near Bicester

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