BROOCH

Unique ID: SF-492162

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete silver maille blanche en argent (half gros tournois) of Charles IV 'Le Bel' of France, c.1322-1328 AD. Missing half of the flan due to old breaks. The coin has been modified, probably for use as a brooch or dress fastener. On one side of the reverse a silver triangular hook piece has been soldered to the flan, with a corrsponding patch of solder on the opposite side of the same face perhaps indicative of a second hook or attachment piece that is now missing due to old breaks. The obverse has been gilded. This object measures 21.82mm in length/diameter, 14.14mm in surviving width, 0.80mm in thickness at flan, 4.23mm including hook, and 1.37g in weight.

A number of French silver coins of this form modified for usage as brooches or dress fasteners have been recorded through the PAS, typically utilising gros Tournois coinage of Phillip III-IV and Louis IX (e.g. SF101, KENT-E1B9F2, BERK-5EED45, SWYOR-3E69E0, NMS-F323B7, SWYOR-3D99D3, DUR-977A16, ESS-CFE5E6, or DUR-724101) and dating to the late-13th or early-14th centuries AD. Given the age and precious metal content of this coin, combined with the fact that it has been modified for usage as a brooch, it therefore constitutes potential Treasure under the Treasure Act 1996.

Denomination: Maille blanche Ruler/issuer: Charles IV of France

Type: French: Maille blanche of Charles IV

Obverse description: Cross potent within an inner circle Obverse inscription: +BND[]:DNI:PRI // +KA[].REX

Reverse description: Chatel Tournois surrounded by the legend, all within an outer border of fleur-

de-lis within circles

Reverse inscription: FRA[N...]m?

Initial mark: Cross potent

Die axis measurement: 11 o'clock

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being disclaimed as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T477

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1322 Date to: Circa AD 1328

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 14.14 mm Thickness: 4.23 mm Weight: 1.37 g

Diameter: 21.82 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st August 2015

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Eastern</u> (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Suffolk (County)

District: Mid Suffolk (District)
To be known as: Haughley

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

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