

# BROOCH

**Unique ID:** WILT-02844E

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Roman copper alloy Hod Hill brooch with side lugs dating to the period c. AD 43-70. The brooch is missing the pin, lower bow and the catchplate. It measures 31.87 mm in length, 16.16 mm in maximum width and weighs 4.40 grams.

The head measures 16.16 mm at its widest point, 5.63 mm in length and is 3.25 mm thick. Below the head there is a transverse ridge 2.92 mm in length. The bow is rectangular in plan with two knobs projecting from either side 4.05 mm down the bow. Between the head and the knobs are two horizontal ridges. The rest of bow is decorated with two vertical ridges. The bow measures 19.73 mm in width including the knobs.

In "Late Iron Age and Roman Brooches", Worrell (1998, p9) notes that Hod Hill brooches are closely related to Aucissa brooches from which they probably developed. They occur widely on the continent, particularly in Gaul and the Rhineland (ibid.). The main centre of production was probably Gaul, but some were probably made in Britain (ibid.). They are often associated with military sites and probably introduced to Britain by the Roman army, although they are also found on non-military sites (ibid.). Hod Hill brooches are known from post-conquest depositions and the type is better known on the continent. Bayley & Butcher (2004, p.153) suggest Hod Hill brooches went out of use c.70 AD.

**Class:** Hod Hill

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 75

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 31.87 mm

Width: 16.16 mm

Thickness: 3.25 mm

Weight: 4.4 g

## **Personal details**

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Miss Hazel Fransch

Identified by: Miss Hazel Fransch

## **Other reference numbers**

Other reference: SSWM4794

## **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

## **Spatial metadata**

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: West Lavington

## **Spatial coordinates**

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.