

BROOCH

Unique ID: SF-4028BA

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of a copper alloy early medieval Borre-style disc brooch. Only c.1/4 of the brooch now survives, including part of the curved outer edge and a jagged inner break. A small catch-plate extends towards the edge of the reverse. The edge of a circular recess can be seen in the centre of the outer face, surrounded by relief decoration consisting of double strands forming one corner a central concave sided lozenge, its corners expanding into an asymmetrical knot, which appears to be repeated to one side. The surface of the metal is heavily corroded, but the design is still clear. There is a silvery sheen to the metal in places.

This example belongs to the East-Anglian Series of Borre-style disc brooches (the name reflecting the primary area of distribution), which feature ornamentation that drew inspiration from the Scandinavian Borre style (Kershaw 2013, 56-65). The type of ornamentation is difficult to see because of the small size of the fragment, but it appears to be East Anglian Series Type II (ibid., fig.3.19). These Anglo-Scandinavian types appear to post-date late 9th and early 10th century examples with similar decoration found in Scandinavia (ibid., 58), suggesting that most are of a later 10th century date.

Length: 20.31mm, width: 14.19mm, thickness: 4.07mm, weight: 1.57g

Class: East Anglian series

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 900

Date to: Circa AD 1000

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 20.31 mm

Width: 14.19 mm

Thickness: 4.07 mm

Weight: 1.57 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st May 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Suffolk Coastal](#) (District)

To be known as: Eyke

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