

BROOCH

Unique ID: NMGW-673987

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

In terms of size and design, the brooch is of thirteenth- or fourteenth-century date.

A number of brooches of this general type with frames decorated with niello are known to have been found in Wales. These include a brooch with similar decoration from Kidwelly Castle found during restoration work (Redknapp 1994, no. 16); two silver brooches from Laugharne Burrows, Carmarthenshire, with transverse grooves inlaid with niello (ibid, Fig. 2, nos 9, 10); and one brooch frame from Glyn Tarell, Powys (TAR 2004, no. 495).

The reported object is the unevenly cast silver frame from an annular brooch (weight 1.45g.). The silver frame is of circular cross-section. One face is decorated with a herringbone pattern; the other has parallel transverse lines for half of the circumference, and a crude zig-zag for the remainder. There are traces of black niello within the incised lines. The frame is distorted, and the current external frame width is 25.46mm; the frame thickness is 1.4-2mm. The pin is missing.

The object has not undergone any cleaning or conservation.

Class: Annular

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Abergavenny Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Donated to museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2014TW31

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 25.46 mm

Thickness: 2 mm

Weight: 1.45 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 29th January 2014

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Mark Redknap

Identified by: Mr Mark Lodwick

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2014TW31

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with niello

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

Parish or ward: [Llangattock-Vibon-Avel](#) (Community)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO4122

Four figure Latitude: 51.89341266

Four figure longitude: -2.85877918

1:25K map: SO4122

1:10K map: SO42SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Abergavenny Museum