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 (Redknap 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