

PIN

Unique ID: LANCUM-1BEF5B

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Copper alloy pin dating from the Middle or Later Iron Age, probably c. 400-200BC. The pin is complete and in extremely good condition. The surfaces are not very worn and the patina is smooth and of dark brown colour. There is some corrosion/corrosive patches along lower part of the stem, but the ring head shows little corrosion/damage. The stem is short, with a small diameter while the ring head is heavy with a larger diameter. The ring head was integrally cast, i.e. both stem and head were cast in one rather than the ring being bent around to touch the stem. The ring is decorated with three evenly spaced moulded balls and there are smaller collar mouldings on either side of the balls as well as on either of the stem where it is connected to the ring head. It only appears to have been decorated with moulded decoration; there is no evidence of enamel or coral inlays.

Ref: A similar pin from Sawdon (Yorkshire) was published by G.C. Dunning in "The Early Iron Age swan's neck and ring-headed pins in Britain" (1934, 277; fig. 4:10).

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: IRON AGE

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: IRON AGE

Date from: Exactly 400 BC

Date to: Exactly 200 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 183 mm

Width: 54 mm

Thickness: 12.5 mm

Weight: 62.82 g

Diameter: 54 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 13th January 2017

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Lancaster](#) (District)

To be known as: Kirkby Lonsdale

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land