

BROOCH

Unique ID: LANCUM-18B5DD

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An extremely worn and incomplete cast copper-alloy 'Umbonate' type plate brooch dating to the Roman period, c. 100-250 AD. It is sub-circular in plan and plano-convex in section, with a domed central plate that demonstrates ornate decoration in the form of one concentric rings of 10 long recessed inward-facing centripetal triangular cells which probably carried enamel inlay. This is now missing however. Around the edge of this central plate was probably a border consisting of a deep groove and raised rim that in places has broken away from the object, while projecting from one end is the remains of a sub-circular lug with a central small circular aperture, underneath which are the remnants of a double-lugged pin mechanism and axis bar. This is mirrored at the opposing end, where a second projecting lug (though with no aperture) serves to accomodate the original catchplate. It is unclear due to the incompleteness of this brooch whether knops on the lateral edges would have been present, as with some examples of this type.

A broadly similar brooch is illustratred by Mackreth (2011, vol. II, p. 111, plate 108, no. 11577). A similar brooch has also been recorded on the PAS database, see SWYOR-CB1490.

Class: Umbonate

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 250

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 28 mm

Width: 16.2 mm

Weight: 2.72 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 22nd January 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Secondary material: Enamel

Manufacture method: Cast

Decoration style: Geometric

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Allerdale](#) (District)

To be known as: Cockermouth

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land