

BROOCH

Unique ID: BERK-D7676C

Object type certainty: Certain

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A cast copper alloy Roman plate brooch, dating to the period c. AD 100 - 200. The brooch is in the form of a cockerel and has crescent shaped cells to each side, filled with red and blue enamel suggestive of the wing feathers. The comb is crenelated and the wattles have a small triangular cell infilled with a red enamel, the eyes are formed with a dot and circle with central red enamel infill. The tail is intact with the typical piercing at the base. The base is hollow and the pin joint and fulcrum bar are intact with a part of the catch in place but the pin is missing. The surface has a lightly pitted, dark green patina and is in very good condition. For parallels see Bayley & Butcher - p175, T214; Mackreth (2010) Vol 2, plate 126, no.14798 and Hattatt (2000), ref.167 and 620. For examples of this database see: WILT-135AA8, SUR-F4F606, and HAMP-FD5C29.

Cockerels are associated with the god Mercury.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Class: Mackreth Plate Type 4b1.

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 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 38.74 mm

Width: 17.8 mm

Weight: 10.7 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast
Decoration style: Zoomorphic
Completeness: Incomplete
Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Boxford](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU4370
Four figure Latitude: 51.42738205
Four figure longitude: -1.38290455
1:25K map: SU4370
1:10K map: SU47SW
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.