

BROOCH

Unique ID: NMGW-5769D6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Annular silver stirrup brooch.

The external face is decorated for half its circumference with engraved transverse grooves inlaid with niello. There is no restriction in the frame for the pin which has a short stirrup at the junction of shaft and wrap around head. The stirrup is decorated with transverse grooves, and the facets of the shaft, which has a diamond cross-section, are engraved with diagonal grooves to create a herring-bone pattern from the front. The backs of the frame and pin are plain.

External diameter 24.2mm; inner diameter 20.01mm; maximum frame thickness 1.9mm; weight 2.98g. Surviving pin length 22.4mm (some of head missing); pin thickness 2mm; stirrup width 10.06mm.

The brooch has not undergone any cleaning or conservation.

Notes:

In terms of size and design, the brooch is of thirteenth- to mid-fourteenth-century form.

A number of brooches of this general type with frames decorated with niello are known to have been found in Wales. These include a larger 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). A silver and niello brooch from Cardigan Community, Pembrokeshire, is of very similar size and design (Treasure Reference No. 15.35). Short 'stirrups' occur on niello-inlaid annular brooches from Cowbridge and Llanfaes (Redknap 1995, fig. 4, nos 13, 14).

Class: Annular silver stirrup

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016TRW21

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 1.9 mm

Weight: 2.98 g

Diameter: 24.2 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016TRW21

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Blaenau Gwent](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Blaenau Gwent](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Tredegar](#) (Community)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO1207

Four figure Latitude: 51.75475171

Four figure longitude: -3.27628772

1:25K map: SO1207

1:10K map: SO10NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found April 2016

General landuse: Cultivated land

Redknap, M., 1996 [Some medieval brooches, pendants and moulds from Wales: a short survey](#)
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