# **BROOCH**

Unique ID: IOW-B26F91

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A fragment of a cast silver gilded square headed brooch (c. 450-c. 550). Treasure case no. 2017 T1153.

The fragment comprises part of the bow and pin mechanism. It is roughly rectangular in shape with losses on all sides. In the middle of the surviving fragment is a raised circular panel depicting a stylised human mask surrounded by raised concentric circles. The mask has two bulbous eyes and a prominent brow with integral nose, running between the eyes. Above the mask (as photographed) are the remains of additional ornament, now difficult to reconstruct due to losses. Gilding survives across much of the surface.

The back of the brooch is plain and slightly dished behind the human mask feature. At the top (as photographed) is an integral pierced lug, representing the remains of the pin mechanism.

This fragment appears to derive from the bow of a small square headed brooch, dating to the fifth to sixth centuries. An extremely similar fragment has been found at Shorwell, Isle of Wight (PAS database IOW-244C13, Treasure Number 2007 T203 (16), British Museum 2006,0305.99).

#### **Notes:**

The find contains a minimum of 10% silver and predates 1717. It thus qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996 in terms of precious metal content and age.

Class: small square headed

# **Subsequent actions**

Current location of find: Acquired by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service, 31/12/2018 Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

#### Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2017T1153

## Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon style

Date from: Circa AD 450 Date to: Circa AD 550

## **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 24.4 mm Width: 11.5 mm Thickness: 9 mm Weight: 2.94 g

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 15th November 2017 - Wednesday 15th November 2017

## Personal details

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#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2017-1-271 Treasure case number: 2017T1153

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Silver Secondary material: Gold Manufacture method: Cast Decoration style: Figurative Completeness: Fragment Surface Treatment: Gilded

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <u>Isle of Wight</u> (Unitary Authority)

District: <u>Isle of Wight</u> (Unitary Authority) Parish or ward: <u>Calbourne</u> (Civil Parish)

## **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: SZ4287

Four figure Latitude: 50.68114878 Four figure longitude: -1.40689375

1:25K map: SZ4287 1:10K map: SZ47SW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

# **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Club rally

Current location: Acquired by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service, 31/12/2018

General landuse: Grassland, Heathland Specific landuse: Regularly improved