

BROOCH

Unique ID: WAW-B11F93

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Early-Medieval (c. AD 500 - c. AD 600) radiate-headed brooch: The copper alloy cast brooch is incomplete, only the head plate and a fragment of the bow remains. The head plate is semi-circular with five equi-distant, integral, knobs on the outside edge. The knobs have a double-stranded linear groove at the base. The outer face is decorated with a plain border within which there are three spiral motifs. The reverse of the head plate is has two integral, vertical, perforated lugs with traces of iron corrosion.

Protruding from the lower edge of the head plate is a narrowed, integral bow which has a broken lower edge. The break is not recent, the patina covers the break. The outer face of the bow is decorated with a central high-relief vertical rib which is bordered by two finer and less deep ribs.

The surface of the brooch has a well-developed mid-dark green patina. It measures 39.72mm long, 34.2mm wide across the head plate, 8.42mm thick across the lugs and outer face of the head plate and weighs 10.32g.

The brooch is an Early Medieval radiate-headed brooch which was possibly manufactured by the Franks on the Continent, although there is evidence for this type of brooch also being manufactured in Kent and possibly Oxfordshire (MacGregor and Bolick, 1993:147). These type of brooches are spread from the Isle of Wight (IOW-B52767) to Yorkshire (YORYM-2A90CB). This example is the second to be recorded on the PAS database from Warwickshire, the first is SUR-553F25. MacGregor and Bolick, 1993 illustrate similar examples 16.1 to 16.6.

This type of brooch dates to the 6th century (MacGregor and Bolick, 1993:147).

MacGregor, A. and Bolick, E., 1993 *A Summary Catalogue of the Anglo-Saxon Collections (Non-Ferrous Metals)* British Archaeological Reports British Series 230: Oxford.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Class: Radiate-Headed

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL
Date from: Circa AD 500
Date to: Circa AD 600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 39.72 mm
Width: 34.2 mm
Thickness: 8.42 mm
Weight: 10.32 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 23rd May 2018 - Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: Ms Angie Bolton
Identified by: Ms Angie Bolton

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Warwickshire](#) (County)
District: [Stratford-on-Avon](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Wolverton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP2162
Four figure Latitude: 52.25577455
Four figure longitude: -1.69377523
1:25K map: SP2162
1:10K map: SP26SW
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.