

BROOCH

Unique ID: SF-93F926

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper-alloy bow brooch of probable late Iron Age to early Roman date, c. AD 1-60. The pin and most of the catchplate are missing in old breaks, but otherwise the object is preserved intact. The head demonstrates extremely stubby wings, from the rear of which project a double pin-lug with separate axis bar, from which the pin would originally have hinged. The bow is 'D' shaped in section and tapers towards its plain foot, its outer surface demonstrating a single median longitudinal moulding flanked by two thinner mouldings on the edge of the brooch. The catchplate is mostly broken away, leaving its original full form uncertain. Preserved in good condition with a patchy brownish green patina, it measures 72.72mm in length, 13.59mm wide at its head, and c. 1.91mm thick at the midpoint of the bow. It weighs 8.22g.

This brooch belongs to a group loosely collected by Mackreth (2011), 'oddments; a collection of items with hinged pins which ought to have been produced in pre-Roman times or to have derived from items which should belong wholly there.' Only one similar example could be found on the PAS, see record NMS-135D37.

Class: hinged strip

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 1

Date to: Circa AD 60

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 72.72 mm

Width: 13.59 mm

Thickness: 1.91 mm

Weight: 8.22 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 21st March 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [St. Edmundsbury](#) (District)

To be known as: Bradfield St Clare

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land