

HAIR PIN

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A complete but bent and distorted cast copper-alloy pin dating to the Roman period, c. 43-300 AD. This example is of Cool's (1990) group 5, 'pins with simple grooved heads'. The pin itself is circular-sectioned, tapering to a sharp point, Its head is plain but topped with a pointed element created by the incising of a deep transverse groove, aside from this feature the pin itself is plain and undecorated. Preserved in fair condition with an uneven brownish patina, it measures c. 101mm in length (when the bends are accounted for), 2.06mm thick at the head and 1.65mm thick at the midpoint of the shank. It weighs 1.92g.

Similar pins are illustrated by Cool (1990), see fig. 4, especially nos. 10-11. This example is very plain by comparison. In her study, she suggests a floruit of the 2nd century AD, though the type was in use up till the 4th century AD.

Class: Cool group 5

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 101 mm

Thickness: 2.06 mm

Weight: 1.92 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 29th September 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Forest Heath](#) (District)

To be known as: Mildenhall

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