

BROOCH

Unique ID: WAW-1AE8FA

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Roman brooch of Colchester derivative, Polden Hill (Mackreth 2011, Part 3, Group 3e, Plate 46, AD c. 50-400). The copper alloy brooch has semi-cylindrical wings with incomplete perforated wing caps. The wings are undecorated but the caps are large in diameter than the wings. The axis bar, spring and pin are missing. At the centre of the upper edge of the wings/bow head there is a hook. The bowhead is slightly hump-like in profile with a vertical central ridge with a two smaller, more shallow, ridges either side. There is a moulding either side of the bow head which has radiating grooves. The decoration stops at the approximate mid point. The bow is sub-triangular in section and tapers to a blunt foot. On the reverse there is a solid catchplate. The lower portion of the bow is twisted and bent due to damage rather than intention.

The surface of the brooch has a mid green patina which is abraded.

It measures 42.73mm in length, 19.29mm in width, and weighs 8.89g.

The brooch is a Polden Hill type, Bayley and Butcher (2004:160) comment that the distribution of Polden Hill brooches are concentrated in the West Midlands. Mackreth classifies this type as Group 3e dating to AD c. 50 to 400, No. 1854 on Plate 46 is very similar.

Bayley, J. and Butcher, S., 2004 Roman Brooches in Britain: A technological and Typological Study Based on the Richborough Collection London: Society of Antiquaries

Mackreth, D. F. 2011 Brooches in Late Iron Age and Roman Britain Volume 1 Oxford: Oxbow Books

Class: Polden Hill **Sub class:** Mackreth 2011, Part 3, Group 3e, Plate 46,

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 50

Date to: Circa AD 400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 42.73 mm

Width: 19.29 mm

Weight: 8.89 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st August 2018 - Monday 7th January 2019

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Ashperton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO6343

Four figure Latitude: 52.08410847

Four figure longitude: -2.54137373

1:25K map: SO6343

1:10K map: SO64SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined