

BROOCH

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Roman brooch of Colchester derivative, Polden Hill (Mackreth 2011, Part 3, Group 4, flat wing ends type), c.f. Mackreth Type 4.i. Plate 47, AD c. 80-240. The copper alloy brooch has a semi-cylindrical wings decorated with a vertical groove at the outer terminals. Both upper edges of the wings show are incomplete. The axis bar, spring and pin are all missing. At the centre of the upper edge of the wings there is a trace of an integral hook. The bowhead is hump-like in profile and is decorated with a moulding on either side. The head is undecorated but from the bow there is a vertical ridge which continues down the bow and has fine chevrons within it. Either side of the ridge there is a column of high-relief obliquely angled pairs of ridges which are similar to lentoids. The bow is broken below the mid point and is not recent. On the reverse of the bow there is a trace of a catchplate which starts below the wings. The bow is oval in section.

The surface of the brooch has a well-developed grey-green patina.

It measures 27.28mm in length, 18.39mm in width, and weighs 7.02g.

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 and suggest they date to AD 80 to 120. Mackreth (2011) classifies this type as a Type 4i.

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: Colchester derivative, Polden Hill (Mackreth 2011, Part 3, Group 4.i, flat wing ends type)

Sub class: Mackreth Type 4.i. Plate 47

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 80

Date to: Circa AD 240

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 27.28 mm

Width: 18.39 mm

Weight: 7.02 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 29th April 2018 - Sunday 29th April 2018

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: [Wolferlow](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO6662

Four figure Latitude: 52.25511324

Four figure longitude: -2.49950528

1:25K map: SO6662

1:10K map: SO66SE

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