

BROOCH

Unique ID: LEIC-EB37D9

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An early Anglo-Saxon copper-alloy narrow cruciform brooch in good condition, but recovered in two adjacent parts due to a recent break between the head and bow. It has an integrally cast faceted half round top knob above a rectangular head-plate, but the two side knobs are missing. The head plate is decorated with punched circles all around the perimeter. Nothing remains of the pin bar lug on the reverse of the headplate, though a rough area may suggest soldering where it was attached.

The bow is D-sectioned with a smooth domed upper face and, at top and base, a rectangular panel forming facets and decorated with two transverse grooves.

The foot has twin horizontal lines framing a panel with a notch in either side, above a plain panel, and on the reverse of this is a deep catchplate with the rolled edge missing. A single raised rib separates this panel from the horse-head terminal, which has prominent oval eyes and nostrils represented by a smooth convex circular face below angled notches on both sides.

The head part is 22mm long, 20mm wide, 4mm thick and weighs 3.53g. The bow and foot part is 65mm long, 15mm wide, 15mm thick and weighs 15.20g. Assembled together the brooch is 83mm long, 15mm wide, 15mm thick and weighs 18.73g. Mid to late 5th century.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Anglo-Saxon

Date from: Circa AD 400

Date to: Circa AD 500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 83 mm

Width: 15 mm

Thickness: 15 mm

Weight: 18.73 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 8th March 2019

Personal details

Recorded by: Dr Phil Harding

Identified by: Dr Phil Harding

Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2779

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Melton](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Hoby with Rotherby](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SK6716

Four figure Latitude: 52.73749015

Four figure longitude: -1.00910769

1:25K map: SK6716

1:10K map: SK61NE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Whilst searching with a metal detector

Current location: With finder

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m