

BROOCH

Unique ID: DEV-476294

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper alloy brooch dating to the Roman period (AD 60-150).

An example of a hinged developed T shape brooch, comprising the wings, hinge, base of the pin and bow. The wings are cylindrical in shape, with slightly angled ends that create a tapering effect. The cylindrical hinge lies at the central point of the wings, in a rectangular slot. The bow is deeply D shaped in cross section with a ribbed finish, with a central spine and two smaller ridges on either side. It rises gently from the bow, before sloping downwards whilst tapering in width. The bow ends with a globular knobbed terminal, which transitions smoothly at its nadir into a trapezoidal catch plate, somewhat damaged. The underside of the bow is smooth and undecorated.

The bow is decorated with an enamelled design of three lozenges, the centres of which are filled with different coloured enamel. From top to bottom, the enamel is red, then blue, then red again.

Bayley and Butcher (2004: 94) no. 233, which they date to the mid 1st century, presents a similar ridging effect, with a slightly thicker bow and lacks the exact lozenge decoration. Their T105 (ibid: 166) is also relatively similar in terms of decorative style, although lacking the ribs and with a headstud above the bow. However, this object is likely to be an example of a south western variant form, similar to [DEV-CDAC2E](#) and [WILT-540B58](#) in its decorative scheme and design.

It is 44.8mm in length and 29.8mm wide. The bow is 4.8mm thick. It weighs 13.8g.

Class: T shaped **Sub class:** Hinged developed (south western)

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 60

Date to: Circa AD 150

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 44.8 mm

Width: 29.8 mm

Thickness: 4.8 mm

Weight: 13.8 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 25th October 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Lucy Shipley

Identified by: Dr Lucy Shipley

Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC Receipt 018254

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

District: [East Devon](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SY0585

Four figure Latitude: 50.65690269

Four figure longitude: -3.34532221

1:25K map: SY0585

1:10K map: SY05NE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Bayley, J. and Butcher, S., 2004. [Roman Brooches in Britain: A Technological and Typological Study Based on the Richborough Collection](#) London : The Society of Antiquaries 68 166