

BROOCH

Unique ID: NMGW-84EE5D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

form. The silver frame is of flattened rectangular cross-section. The back face is plain; the front face bears the inscription in raised Lombardic letters within countersunk panels:

AVE MARIA .

The plain pin with oval cross-section has a small transverse bar at the junction of the shaft with the wrap-around head.

Maximum external frame width 20.02mm; maximum external frame thickness 1.1mm. Pin length 10.3mm (tip of point missing). The brooch weight is 2.11g.

In terms of size and design, the brooch is of fourteenth-century form. The inscription is a common a talismanic formula. A similar silver brooch of annular form from Pen-y-Parc Farm, Llantarnam (Treasure Case 3.10) bore a religious inscription in crude Lombardic lettering: +IHESVS: INRI (TAR 2003, no. 410). A parallel fourteenth-century quatrefoil brooch from Beachamwell, Norfolk, bears the inscription IESVSNAZARENVS (TAR 2005-6, no. 338).

Talismanic brooches from Wales with 'garbled' inscriptions in imitation of talismanic formulae include a copper-alloy annular brooch from Dryslwyn Castle, Carmarthenshire (Redknap 1994, no. 27, fig. 14)..

Notes:

References

Egan, G. 1991, 'Brooches', in G. Egan and F. Pritchard, *Dress Accessories c.1150-c.1450. Medieval Finds from Excavations in London*: 3, 247-71.

Redknap, M. 1994, 'Some medieval brooches, pendants and moulds from Wales: a short survey', *Archaeologia Cambrensis* CXLIII, 92-138.

TAR 2003, *Treasure Annual Report 2003* (London, DCMS).

TAR 2005-6, *Treasure Annual Report 2005-6* (London, DCMS).

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Inscription: AVE MARIA

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Wrexham Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016TW39

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 20.02 mm

Thickness: 1.1 mm

Weight: 2.11 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 6th November 2016

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016TW39

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Incised or engraved or chased

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [Wrexham](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wrexham](#) (Unitary Authority)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ3653

Four figure Latitude: 53.07038412
Four figure longitude: -2.95664276
1:25K map: SJ3653
1:10K map: SJ35SE
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Discovery circumstances: Found whilst metal detecting
Current location: Wrexham Museum
General landuse: Cultivated land