

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS IN NORFOLK 1996*Edited by David Gurney*

This is a selection of important finds (from an estimated total of more than 20,000 object identifications), details of which have been entered during 1996 onto the Norfolk Sites and Monuments Record. This is maintained at the Norfolk Museums Service Landscape Archaeology Section at Gressenhall and at the Castle Museum, Norwich, and may be consulted by appointment.

The entries are arranged by period and, within each period, by parish alphabetically. The number after the parish name is the Norfolk Sites and Monuments Record number. Grid references have been omitted at the request of finders. Metal artefacts are of copper alloy (bronze) and Iron Age, Saxon and medieval coins are of silver unless otherwise stated. Norfolk Landscape Archaeology and the Castle Museum are most grateful to all those who bring in finds for identification, thereby contributing to the Sites and Monuments Record and this annual list. The assistance of Peter Robins (flint identifications) and colleagues in other institutions, especially the British Museum and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, in the identification of finds is gratefully acknowledged. The majority of the finds listed have been found in the course of metal-detector survey, but the list also includes fieldwalking finds and new discoveries of sites either by field observation or by aerial photographic survey. The illustrations are by Sue White (Figs 1-2) and Steven Ashley (Fig.3).

PALAEOLITHIC (PRE-10,000 BC)

North Tuddenham (22638). Pointed ovate handaxe (A.J. Clarke).

MESOLITHIC (10,000-4000 BC)

Dilham (32126). Tranchet axe (A. Harcourt).

Hindringham (24909). Retouched flakes, blades and blade cores (P. West).

Lynford (5659). MESO or NEO unusual projectile head (M. Forder).

Salhouse (31368). Tranchet axe (S. Sharrock).

NEOLITHIC (4000-2000 BC)

Bodham (31360). Flaked axe or adze, fragment of a second axe, scrapers and flakes (S. Catterall).

Burlingham (31996). Polished axe (F. Hewitt).

Chedgrave (32000). Flaked axe (M. Rayner).

Langham (25252). Laurel leaf (T. Hudson).

Methwold (31672). Laurel leaf (D. Woollestone).

Methwold (31673). ?NEO polished bone tool, possibly a 'slicker' for leather-working (D. Woollestone).

Oxborough (1021). Late NEO or EBA barbed-and-tanged arrowhead (C. Brown).

Thornage (31985-6). Two polished axes (G. McArthur).

Tuttington (31740). Crop-marks of long barrow with six large pits at one end, reminiscent of megalithic-type tombs. The barrow is respected by parallel ditches which abut to it, possibly a cursus (D. A. Edwards).

BRONZE AGE (2000-650 BC)

- Ashill* (32022). MBA spearhead blade (D. Sheldrake).
Ashmanhaugh (32041). MBA hoard of side-looped spearhead, dirk and rapier (R. Rilings).
Aylmerton (31934). LBA sword fragment (P. Dawson).
Bawsey (25962). LBA awl (S. Brown).
Beachamwell (2635). LBA awl (S. Brown).
Burnham Market/Burnham Overy (18496). ?BA awl, MBA palstave and LBA chisel (P. West).
Cawston (19522). Rapier (P. Dawson).
Cawston (31991). Possible awl fragment (B. Day).
Congham (30690). Two awls and socketed axe (J. Wells).
Corpusty (31859). LBA spearhead (P. Dawson).
Croxton (31834). LBA socketed axe (D. Howlett).
Forncett (31949). Spearhead and axe (rally finds).
Kenninghall (31412). MBA spearhead tip (Fig. 1A)(R. Stacey).
Kenninghall (32005). LBA hoard of one palstave and nine socketed axes (R.J. Montague).
Kenninghall (32008). LBA spear fragment (B. Love).
Langham (25252). LBA socketed axe fragment (T. Hudson).
Little Dunham (30277). Awl (R. Ludford).
Ormesby St. Michael (32036). MBA palstave (K. Hughes).
Oxborough (2634). ?Annular bead (S. Brown).
Oxborough (20625). Two LBA button loops (S. Brown).
Pentney (20443). EBA flat axe fragment (M. Coggles).
South Creake (1997). Two socketed axes, two sword blades and one cake from the site of previous finds of nine socketed axes (D. Fox).
Weybourne (30451). LBA tanged awl (D. Coleman).
Ring-ditches: newly-recorded crop-marks include Buxton with Lammas (4) 31741-2, Coltishall 31743, Elsing (2) 31751, Freethorpe (5) 32060-1, Gayton 32058, Hanworth 31749, Honing 31745, Outwell 32065, Sustead 31748, Trowse with Newton 32051, Weybourne (3) 32047-8 (all D. A. Edwards).

IRON AGE (650 BC-AD 43)

- Ashill* (31587). Fragments of ?bucket binding (C. Aldridge).
Beachamwell (2635). Coin; Face-horse B/C (S. Brown).
Bradenham (31717). IA (or possibly MBA or LBA) spiral finger ring (C. Aldridge).
Cawston (19522). Linch pin terminal (P. Dawson).
Congham (30690). Gold stater; 'Norfolk wolf' type (J. Wells).
Croxton (31834). Coin; Pattern-horse ECEN (D. Howlett).
East Walton (29273). Decorative mount, probably from an enamelled crescent terret (Fig. 1B)(S. Brown).
East Walton (30884). Enamelled mount or crescentic flange from flat-ringed terret (M. Carlile).
Fleggburgh (32034). Two pottery sherds (G. Cook).
Forncett (31949). Silver coin hoard of 10 Icenian silver coins, 2 Republican denarii and 2 Tiberius denarii (J. Chaplin, E. Bagguley, R. Blunt, L. Sproule).
Great Dunham (31830). A few pottery sherds and spread of potboilers (D. Woollestone).
Hillington (31924). Coin; early Face-horse (D. Bird).
Hockwold-cum-Wilton (31757). La Tene III brooch (S. Brown).
Little Barningham (31861). Fragment of object, enamelled on both sides (Fig. 1C)(P. Dawson).

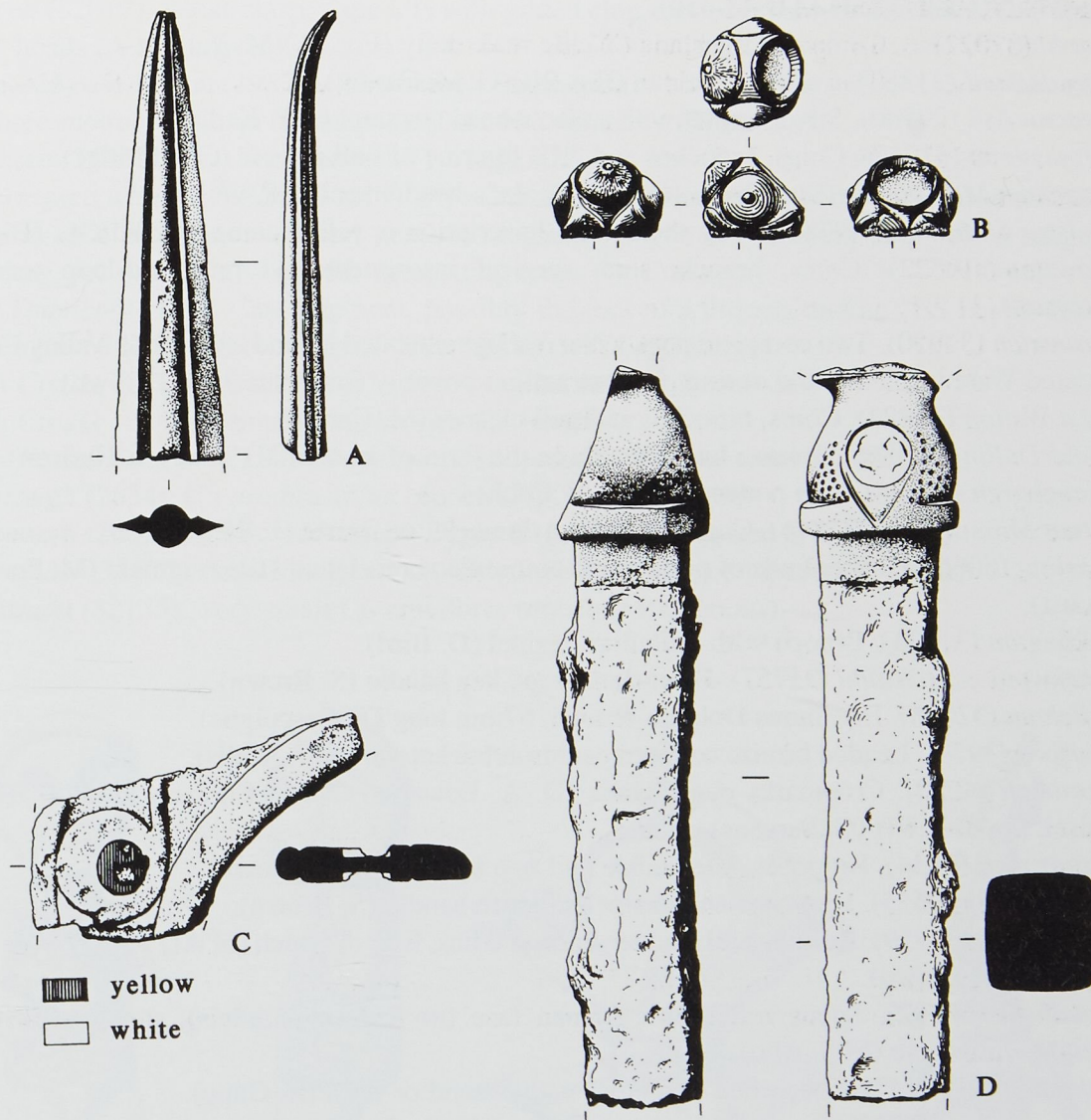


Fig. 1

Bronze Age and Iron Age finds. A: MBA spearhead from Kenninghall. B: IA terret mount from East Walton. C: IA enamelled object from Little Barningham. D: IA linch pin from Saham Toney. Scale 1:2 (A) and 1:1 (B-D).

- Little Dunham* (30273). Coin; Trinovantian cast bronze 'Thurrock' type (R. Ludford).
Melton Constable (3232). La Tene I brooch (P. Dawson).
Mileham (30999). Gold $\frac{1}{4}$ stater; 'Irstead' type (T. Gascoigne).
Oxborough (2634). Coin; Boar-horse ?C (M. Carlile).
Oxborough (20625). La Tene III brooch (M. Carlile).
Postwick (31109). Very worn ?harness fitting (L. Laing).
Saham Toney (8747). Vase-headed linch pin (Fig. 1D)(R. Gapp).
Sparham (31774). Dumb-bell shaped object, waisted, possibly an IA toggle (or weight from RB scourge)(G. McCarthy).
Tacolneston (31943). Coin; probably ANTED (rally find).
Westacre (31168). Coin; Pattern-horse ECEN/EDN (M. Carlile).

ROMANO-BRITISH (AD 43-410)

- Banham* (32136). Coins and figurine of Celtic male deity (Fig.2A)(M. Yates).
- Bawdeswell* (31867). Cosmetic palette (Fig. 2B)(G. McCarthy).
- Bracon Ash* (29900). Silver armlet with snake's-head terminal (A.P. Kedge).
- Bradenham* (31717). Coins, brooches and ?RB figurine of bull or cow (C. Aldridge).
- Burnham Market/Burnham Overy* (18496). Snake's-head bracelet (P. West).
- Caistor St. Edmund* (9786). Grey sherd with ?inscription or roller-stamp ..]KIKIKI[.. (Digby).
- Cawston* (19522). Coins, brooch, stud, surgical instrument and protected-loop terret (P. Dawson).
- Cranwich* (31950). Two complete pots, a Nar Valley rusticated jar and a C3 Nene Valley Colour-Coated Ware beaker, found during peat extraction; possibly from burials (C. Brown).
- East Walton* (30884). Coins, brooches and nail cleaner (M. Carlile).
- Field Dalling* (24566). Bronze knife-handle in the form of an animal (?hare)(T. Hudson).
- Fleggburgh* (32034). Two pottery sherds (G. Cook).
- Great Massingham* (31844). Curved rod from ?bracelet or ?terret (J. Wells).
- Harling* (6066). Further finds of pottery and coins, also bracelet and tile fragment (M. Forder, J. Doust).
- Hillington* (31924). Brooch with millefiori enamel (D. Bird).
- Hockwold-cum-Wilton* (31757). Fleur-de-lis type key handle (S. Brown).
- Mileham* (32098). Enormous Dolphin brooch, 67mm long (T. Gascoigne).
- Narford* (3974). Leaded bronze ox-head cauldron/bucket mount (J. Wells).
- Nordelph* (4220). Cropmarks of turbaries (D. A. Edwards). North Elmham (25848). Bronze chisel, possibly RB (G. Parsons).
- Oxborough* (2634). Brooches, late buckle and two seal-boxes (S. Brown).
- Oxborough* (20625). Brooches and enamelled knife handle (S. Brown).
- Oxborough* (31759). Brooch, nail cleaner, and six coins, four of which (of AD 330-5) were stuck together (S. Brown).
- Roudham* (30192). Spout with Celtic human face (no known parallels), steelyard arm and weight, votive axe (M.S. Aho).
- Saham Toney* (8747). Enamelled miniature votive stand or stool (R. Gapp).
- Saham Toney* (31823). Protected-loop terret (Fig. 2C)(R. Gapp).
- Scole* (30650). Phallic mount and rare lead figurine of Priapus (A. Smith).
- Sculthorpe* (31838). Mercury figurine (E. King).
- Swaffham* (31824). ?Handle in form of bird's head, nail and hairpin (S. Brown).
- Westacre* (31168). Spoon-probe (S. Brown).

EARLY SAXON (AD 410-650)

- Beachamwell* (4539). Spearhead, of Swanton type C1/D1, with unusually short blade (S. Brown).
- Brinton* (32044). Gold bracteate, c.AD500 (T. Linford).
- Burnham Market* (32112). Group III cruciform brooch (G. Parsons).
- Congham* (25765). Gilded silver mount, with Style I animal decoration, ?from sword pommel (J. Wells).
- East Walton* (29273). Stamping tool, to produce ring-and-dot in counter-relief (Fig. 3A)(S. Brown).
- Emneth* (31818). Pottery sherds from – unusually – a fenland parish (M. Carlile).

Forncett (32017). Wrist-clasp, Type C1, with gilded chip-carved ornament in form of two spiral birds' heads (A.P. Kedge).

Hockwold-cum-Wilton (19576). Five brooch fragments (two from great square-headed brooches and three molten) confirm the suspected site of a cemetery (S. Brown).

Langham (25252). Cruciform brooch (T. Hudson).

Letheringsett with Glandford (30017). Probable shield-mount with chip-carved ornament and in the form of a bird. Also unusual pendant or girdle-hanger, the tapering end with a rounded moulding, the rest a flat strip with ?projecting loops (D. Coleman).

Little Dunham (4197). Cast fragment, possibly the foot of a brooch, and an ?ES buckle frame with engraved lines and roundels with central bosses (C. Aldridge).

North Creake (1913). 'Cocked hat' sword pommel cap (G. Parsons).

North Creake (29428). Small-long brooch (G. Parsons).

North Elmham (25848). ES/MS openwork strap-end of unusual form (G. Parsons).

Oxborough (2634). C5 *armbrustfibel* brooch (Fig.3B)(M. Carlile).

Oxborough (20625). Two wrist-clasps, Types B13a/B14a/B17a and C (S. Brown).

Quidenham (31677). Small-long brooch with three pelta-shaped lappets (E. Crick).

Snettisham (32135). Very small C6 cruciform brooch (M. Gibbons).

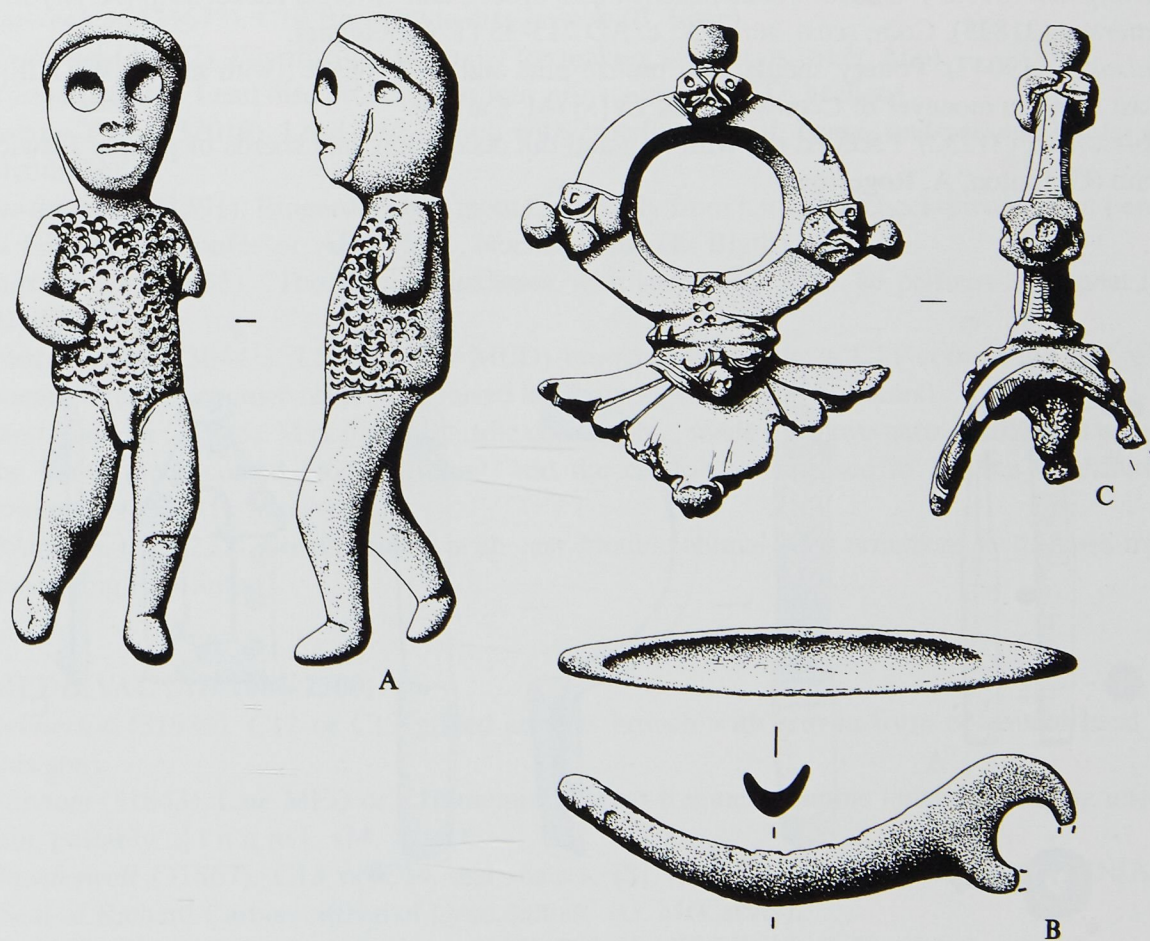


Fig. 2

Romano-British finds. A: Figurine from Banham. B: Cosmetic palette from Bawdeswell.

C: Terret from Saham Toney Scale 1:1.

Westacre (31168). ?PS bronze annular bead, with double groove around the outer edge (M. Carlile).

West Rudham (31816). Pelta-shaped ?vessel mount with interlace ornament (B. Mears).

Whissonsett (31800). Cruciform brooch (G. Linton).

MIDDLE SAXON (AD 650-850)

Caistor St. Edmund (9759). Pottery sherds (NAHRG).

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Castle Rising (24943). Penny of Offa (J. Kerslake).

Cawston (19522). MS or LS strap end (P. Dawson).

Gooderstone (32091). C7 or C8 strip ?from hanging bowl (S. Brown).

Little Dunham (4197). Disc brooch with double cross motif, once enamelled (C. Aldridge).

Oxborough (20625). Pin, two strap ends, and matching pair of C9 MS/LS hooked tags (S. Brown).

Quidenham (19544). Strap-end with animal-head terminal and white paste or enamel inlay (E. Crick).

Roudham (30192). Triangular mount or pinhead (M.S. Aho).

Saham Toney (32019). C7 gold thrymsa (E. Sheldrake).

Surlingham (31655). Gilded bronze fastener, disc brooch and ?MS/LS casket strip (A. Blyth).

Tattersett (31825). Coin; sceat, series X, c. AD 715-35 (T. Gascoigne).

Walsoken (19047). Pottery sherds, two bronze pins and lead 'ticket', with names W]ODE[L (East Anglian moneyer of Coenwulf) and LV[.] (M. Carlile).

Whissonsett (31232). Facetted pin with ring-and-dot decoration, and sherds of pimply Ipswich Ware (G. Linton, A. Rogerson).

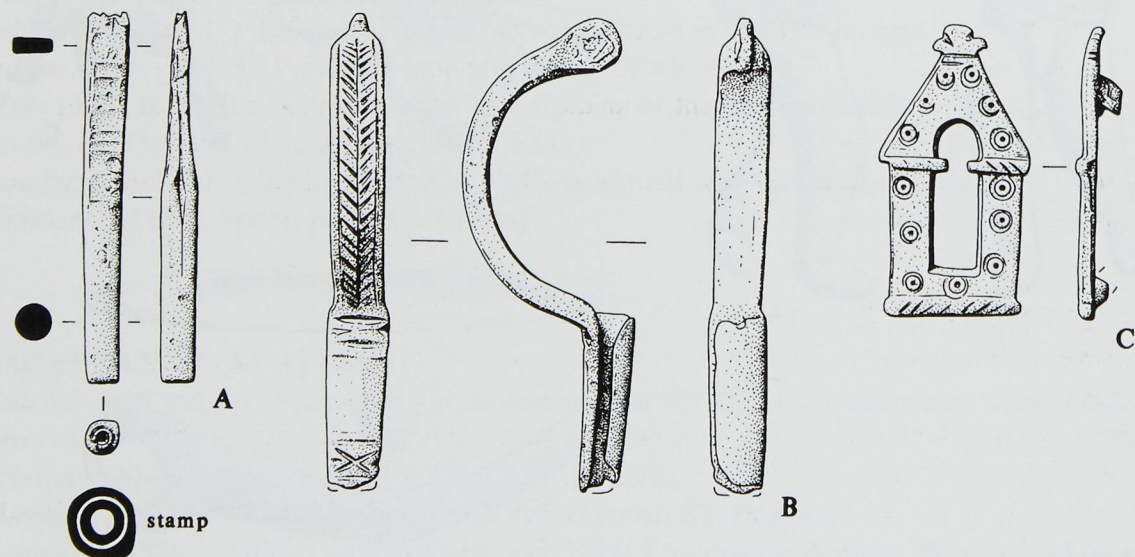


Fig. 3

Early and Late Saxon finds. A: ES stamp from East Walton. B: ES brooch from Oxborough
C: LS mount from Bawsey. Scale 1:1 (A stamp 2:1).

LATE SAXON (AD 850-1066)

- Attlebridge* (32027). Penny of Aethelred II, AD 997-1003 (G. Davies).
- Bawsey* (25962). Mount or belt-fitting in the form of a gable end of a building (Fig.3C)(S. Brown).
- Bradenham* (31717). LS or MED key (C. Aldridge).
- Castle Rising* (31713). Box or stirrup-mount (J. Kerslake).
- Croxton* (30033). Tweezers (D. Howlett).
- Croxton* (31834). Islamic coin; Samanid Dirham of Ismail b. Ahmad, AD 892-907. Also superb openwork pendant engraved in Ringerike style (D. Howlett).
- Croxton* (32134). Unusual openwork flanged stirrup-mount (D. Howlett).
- East Walton* (29273). LS (or early MED) lead model, in form of dragon's or snake's head (S. Brown).
- Gayton* (29713). Two stirrup fittings in form of Ringerike-style animal heads (S. Brown).
- Halvergate* (17773). Two Thetford-type jar rims found on the site of a levelled mound (T. Williamson).
- Halvergate* (21645). Scatter of Thetford-type pottery (52 sherds) on the site of a levelled mound (T. Williamson).
- North Creake* (1913). ?Bar from folding balance (G. Parsons).
- Postwick* (31762). Gilded silver mount fragment, convex with cast equal-armed crosses with niello inlay and leaf motifs in relief (K. Canham/D. Parker).
- Quidenham* (31677). C10 Borre-style disc brooch (B. Love).
- Roudham* (30192). Possibly a lead model for making strap-ends (M.S. Aho).
- Ryston* (31096). Lead disc brooch with four projecting lobes (D. Mallett).
- Saham Toney* (32019). Lead disc brooch with cruciform motif, bosses and pelleted border (E. Sheldrake).
- Surlingham* (31391). Ringerike-style mount, probably from harness (?cheek-piece). Also penny of Edward the Confessor, AD 1053-6, Norwich mint (K. Blyth).
- Surlingham* (31655). ?Thor's silver hammer; with suspension loop, so perhaps an amulet (A. Blyth).
- West Rudham* (30441). LS (or early MED) brooch, made from a C11 coin. Strap-end with human figure in counter-relief with raised hand amongst foliage (B. Mears).
- West Rudham* (31835). Very unusual bridle cheek-piece, made from two parts of different pieces, the white metal-coated loops different, and the central bar encased in a lump of different coloured bronze (B. Mears).
- Whissonsett* (31232). Stirrup mount with cast ?double animal-head ornament, with flaws from miscasting (G. Linton).

MEDIEVAL (AD 1066-1500)

- Aylmerton* (31934). C12 or C13 gilded annular brooch with arm in form of animal head (P. Dawson).
- Banham* (31843). Late MED or C16 memorial brass fragment, Gothic lettering, reading uncertain, possibly ..] t n it m [.. (M. Yates).
- Bawdeswell* (31867). C13 or C14 seal matrix, [S] RICICARBET.CI[VIS]LEN'T[A]N[A]T, 'Seal of Richard Carbet, citizen of Lynn, tanner' (G. McCarthy).
- Castle Rising* (31713). Seal matrix, + SIGIL'PELOV[?IDE]WAL (J. Kerslake).
- Congham* (25765). Very unusual and robust enamelled strap-end (J. Wells).
- Croxton* (31834). Finger ring, inscribed externally ..] NE [...] M [.. (D. Howlett).
- Croxton* (31869). C13 seal matrix, + SIGILL' RADVLPV LVGARD, 'Seal of Ralph Lugard'.

- Blomefield mentions a C14 rector whose name was Roger Lugwardyne (P. Hutley).
- Gayton* (31812). Seal matrix with head of St. John the Baptist and legend S' .I. D' B'EHAL, 'Seal of John of B[...]hall' (J. Wells).
- Gissing* (32025). Late MED cast mitre-shaped pommel of very unusual form (P. Leeder).
- Halvergate* (31878). Sherd of Thetford-type or MED unglazed pottery from an unusual location (T. Williamson).
- Harling* (11803). C15 finger ring, inscribed AVE MA[RIA] and 'tn ien nio ine ne no' (?magical), and unusual in having both Lombardic and black-letter inscriptions (M. Forder).
- Letheringsett with Glandford* (28045). Very unusual triangular lead weight, possibly for holding down manuscript pages while the scribe wrote (J. Jackson).
- Little Barningham* (31861). Coin of Erik VII of Pomerania, King of Denmark AD 1412-39 (P. Dawson).
- Newton Flotman* (31801). Very unusual late MED iron knife blade, the tang covered by a bronze tube with coxcomb/zigzag decorated with bands of herringbone (G. Linton).
- North Lopham* (30181). Possible lead livery badge or tag in the form of a wolf or dog (B. Love).
- Pulham Market* (31914). C13 folding clasp fragment, with animal-head decoration (G. Stannard).
- Quidenham* (19544). Lead token, with roughly incised star on one face, cast relief long double cross on the other, with pseudo inscription around or trefoils alternating with cross arms (E. Crick). Seal matrix, * S' PETRIS HEREMAN, 'Seal of Peter Hereman' (R. Stacey).
- Reepham* (3150). Heavy gilded plate with fleur-de-lis, perhaps part of a crucifix or casket/shrine mount from the site of St. Mary's chapel, Kerdiston. Also seal matrix, .SI 'VGONIS DE VILT-ING (G. McCarthy).
- Saham Toney* (31863). C13 casket mount with fleur-de-lis in a blue enamel ground (R. Gapp).
- Sall* (30974). ?MED lead square plate with cast relief ornament in form of double quatrefoil with a cross in circle with ball terminals. Possibly a model for roof ornament or a 'patrix' upon which to press sheet bronze (R. Saunders).
- Tacolneston* (31943). C12 or C13 heraldic pendant (rally find).
- Upwell* (31837). Lead window ventilation panel in unusually good uncrumpled condition, with elaborate openwork quatrefoil surrounded by tendrils. Also pilgrim badge of St Barbara, with a feather and tower (M. Carlile).

POST-MEDIEVAL (AD 1500-1950)

- Corpusty* (31859). Finger ring, inscribed internally 'of virtue Made' (P. Dawson).
- Freethorpe* (32060). Cropmarks of post mill within square enclosure (D. A. Edwards).
- Gayton* (29713). Early PM letter 'R' from monumental brass (S. Brown).
- Surlingham* (31391). C18 double-sided swivelling seal, KRESERL.PRUSSIA REX and portrait/crowned lion rampant (A./K. Blyth).

UNDATED

- Gimingham* (31746). Crop-marks of triple linear boundary ditches and attached enclosures pre-dating the present fields (D. A. Edwards).
- Holt* (31903). Undated prehistoric pot-boiler site (J. Smallwood).
- Nordelph* (32064). Crop-marks of a network of 'open squares' (D. A. Edwards).
- Outwell* (32065). Crop-marks of circles (probable stack-stands) (D. A. Edwards).
- Salthouse* (32049). Crop-mark of small square enclosure (D. A. Edwards).
- Stratton Strawless* (32053). Crop-marks of rectangles and droves underlying herringbone land-drainage and clearly pre-dating the early C19 park (D. A. Edwards).