

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS IN NORFOLK 2000*edited by David Gurney*

This is a selection of important finds from an estimated total of more than 20,000 objects seen by the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service's Identification and Recording Service, and details of which have been entered on to the Norfolk Sites and Monuments Record during 2000. The Norfolk SMR is maintained by Norfolk Landscape Archaeology at Gressenhall and may be consulted by appointment.

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The entries are arranged by period and, within each period, by parish alphabetically. The number after the parish name is the Norfolk SMR 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 finds are being added to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport's Portable Antiquities website at www.finds.org.uk. Details of Middle Saxon, Late Saxon and medieval coins are submitted to the Fitzwilliam Museum's *Early Medieval Corpus, Single Finds of Coins in the British Isles, 410–1180*, which can be consulted online at www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/coins/emc.html. A selection of seal matrices and numismatic finds made in 2000 are published elsewhere in this issue (Geake, Rogerson and Ashley, 683–688; Popescu, 688–693).

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The majority of the finds listed have been found in the course of metal-detector survey (with many finds being reported by members of Anglian Historical Searchers, Anglian Metal Detectors, East Norfolk Metal Detectors, Norwich Metal Detectors and the West Norfolk Search and Recovery Group), but the list also includes fieldwalking finds and new discoveries of sites by field observation. Norfolk Landscape Archaeology is most grateful to all those who send in reports or bring in finds for identification and recording, thereby contributing to the SMR and this annual list.

Undated Prehistoric

Field Dalling 24569. Potboiler site (E. Hotblack).

Tattersett 35082. Potboiler site and soil mark (T. Gascoigne).

Palaeolithic (pre-10,000 BC)

Brinton 34848. Middle Palaeolithic handaxe (J. Hull).

Happisburgh 35385. Ovate handaxe in mint condition, found *in situ* in silt in the intertidal zone (M. Chambers).

Mesolithic (10,000–4000 BC)

Heacham 35272. Meso/Neo/BA small pebble macehead (M. Gibbons).

Hockwold cum Wilton 22524. Meso or Later Upper Paleolithic backed blade/punch/strike-a-light (D. Woollestone).

Horsford 35283. Polished axe (B. Harris).

Lynford 5655. Meso (or early Neo) flaked axe (P. Brooker).

Repps with Bastwick 33268. Meso or Neo blade and a flaked axe (P. Pratt).

Tunstead 35345. Flaked axe (T. English).

Neolithic (4000–2000 BC)

Baconsthorpe 35205. Flaked axe/adze (T. Warboys).

Brampton 17289. Concave scraper with fine retouch (N. Paul).

Brampton/Marsham 34284. Neo or EBA flake knife or sickle blade, prepared on a flake/fragment of polished axe (S. Horn).

Brumstead 8223. Polished axe (T. English).

Buxton with Lammas 33860. Late Neo rod, perhaps used as a chisel or gouge for woodworking (A. van Poortvliet).

Great and Little Plumstead 34906. Flaked axe (D. Sheldrake).

Grimston 34912. Small perforated stone axe/adze (J. Sheehan).

Hellesdon 35275. Barbed-and-tanged arrowhead (P. Leeder).

Hethersett 35276. Polished axe (K. Standley).

Hilborough 35866. Late Neo/EBA sickle blade or knife (A. Davison).

Hoveton 35285. Late Neo/EBA ?plano-convex knife (W. Brinded).

Lynford 35380. Scatter of primary flint waste including a scraper (C. Pendleton).

Narborough 32878. Late Neo/EBA 'button' scraper. ?Neo rounded end scraper (A. Oliver and A. Ison).

Narford 3974. Neo (or Meso?) miniature flaked axe (J. Wells).

North Creake 35308. Flaked axe/adze and polished axe (J. Lorimer).

Pentney 15170. Late Neo/EBA barbed-and-tanged arrowhead (H. Moore).

Roudham 1057. Scraper, flake knife, retouched flakes, blades or blade-like unmodified flakes (J. Martin).

Sall 34991. Two polished axes (P. Jenkins).

Shotesham 5393. Small flaked axe (J. Albert).

Sporle with Palgrave 34519. Neo (or Meso?) flaked axe (S and M. Slaven).

Surlingham 31275. Flaked axe (A. Blyth).

Witton 6926. Flaked axe (C. Owles).

Wretham 35830. Late Neo/EBA plano-convex knife (A. Davison).

Bronze Age (2000–650 BC)

Bawburgh 29053. EBA leaf-shaped dagger or knife blade, probably modelled on a metal counterpart and relatively rarely of this quality. From a 'watery' location, so perhaps a deliberate deposition (D. Woollestone).

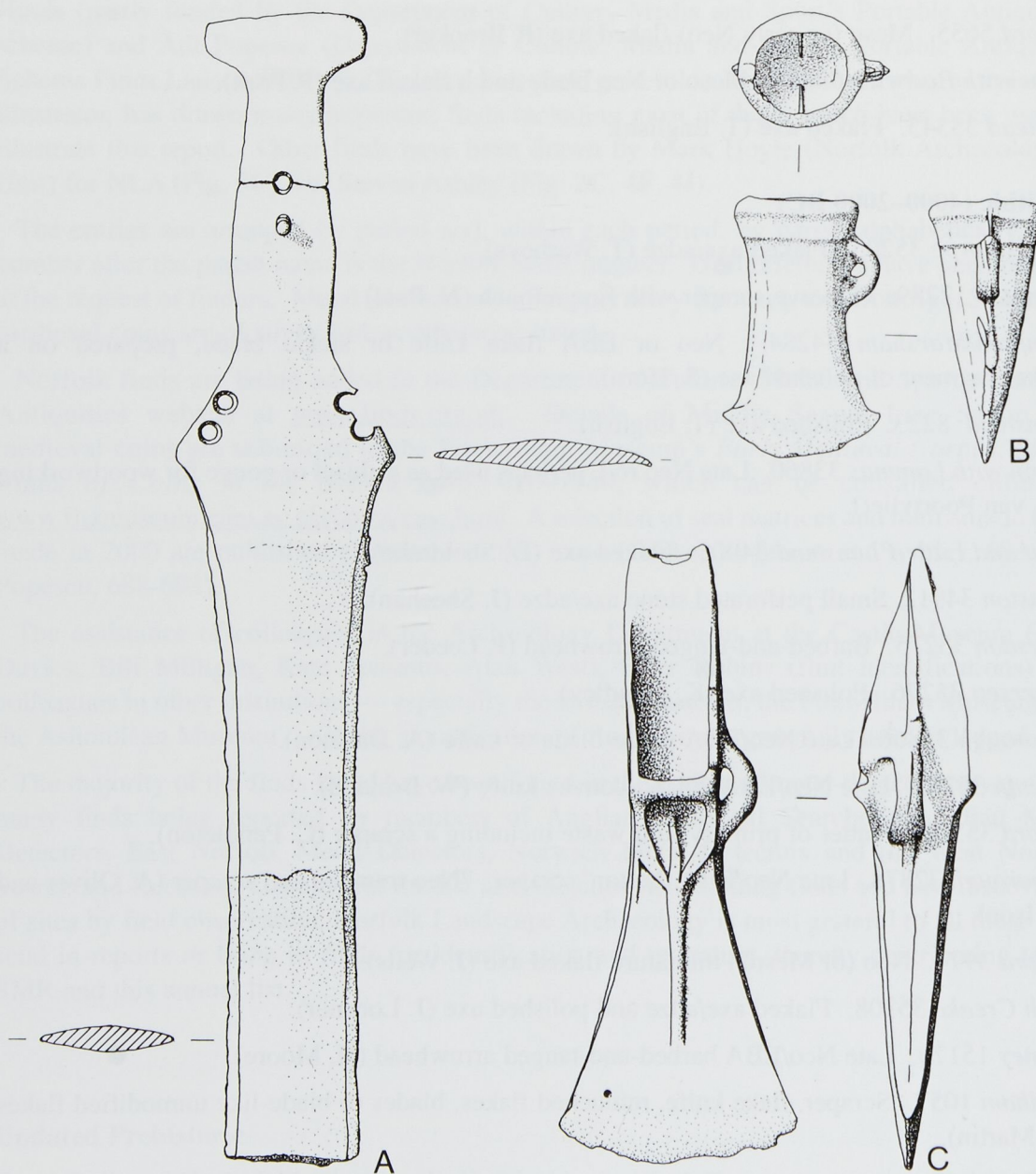


Fig. 1. Bronze Age finds from Fincham, Gresham and Hockwold cum Wilton. Scale 1:2.

- Blofield* 34841. Beaker flint dagger (J. Perry).
- Bradenham* 31039. Awl (R. Jenkins).
- Bradenham* 30636. LBA awl (R. Jenkins).
- Corpusty* 29435. MBA side-looped spearhead, c.1400–1200 BC (A. Kellett).
- Felmingham* 24242. LBA socketed axe, Ewart Park phase 800–650 BC (Thorpe).
- Felmingham* 34890. Sherd of Beaker bowl with rusticated decoration (J. Jones).
- Feltwell* 20979. ?BA gold ribbon ornament, perhaps a bracelet (D. Woollestone).
- Fincham* 30049. Awl (C. Sproule/C. Merchant).
- Fincham* 33343. MBA side-looped spearhead (C. Sproule).
- Fincham* 35596. LBA sword blade (C. Merchant)(Fig. 1A).
- Gresham* 35441. LBA socketed axe (S. Horn)(Fig. 1B).
- Hilborough* 35830. Possible barrow (A. Davison).
- Hockwold cum Wilton* 35693. Side-looped palstave, Penard phase 1250–1100 BC (R. Morley)(Fig. 1C).
- Horning* 34944. Complete MBA socketed axe, found near hoard site (W. Brinded).
- Langham* 32831. ?LBA socketed axe (T. Hudson).
- Northrepps* 35451. LBA rapier (W. Genther); MBA/LBA chisel (M. Curl); MBA flat axe (R. Cary).
- North Tuddenham* 35388. MBA dirk, Acton Park phase (A. Carter).
- North Tuddenham* 22180. EBA flanged axehead, c.1100 BC.
- North Tuddenham* 16592. LBA sword blade, socketed knife, two socketed axes and three other ?BA fragments (A. Carter).
- Postwick* 31087. EBA/MBA flanged axe or palstave (K. Canham).
- Reepham* 33321. LBA socketed axe (M. Curl); spearhead (J. Normandi).
- Snettisham* 34528. Socketed axe (M. Gibbons).
- Sparham* 34690. Founder's hoard in a pit: sword blades, spearheads, socketed axes, ?hammer, gouge, chisel, knives, cakes, casting jets, button, bracelets/armlets and unidentified objects (R. Howlett).
- Thompson* 31365. MBA spearhead (P. Rilings).

Iron Age (650 BC–AD 43)

- Brampton* 1124. Harness fitting; a ring enclosing an openwork triskele (M. Bone)(Fig. 2A).
- Briston* 33657. Protected-loop terret (M. Martin).
- Costessey* 34170. Late IA toggle (C. Hawes).
- East Rudham* 34265. Icenian gold stater, Norfolk Wolf type (B. Mears).
- Fring* 23001. Miniature terret, from horse harness or sword-belt (J. Bocking).
- Itteringham* 35100. Yoke terminal (N. Paul)(Fig. 2B).

Kenninghall 34946. Small terret, C1 BC or C1 AD (D. Kelly).

Little Cressingham 4697. Large 'lipped' terret (A. Oliver).

Marham 11461. La Tène I brooch, C4/C3 BC (M. Coggles).

Mautby 35301. Icenian plated stater, Norfolk Wolf type, 65–45 BC (E. Baggueley).

Ovington 31060. Cast ?IA or early Roman (C1) horse-head figurine (D. Sheldrake).

Swanton Morley 35700. Bridle bit, C1 (T. Harris)(Fig. 2C).

Tacolneston 33431. ?IA or ?Roman cobalt-blue glass bead (K. Wright).

Thompson 35338. Trinovantian base stater, wreath/TASCIO and Celtic warrior on horse, 15–10 BC (P. Rilings).

Tivetshall St. Mary 32294. Icenian silver unit, Pattern-horse ECE (R. Reynolds).

Roman (AD 43–410)

Ashwellthorpe 30205. Cast dolphin-shaped scabbard slide (A. Womack).

Bacton 34831. Protected loop terret (M. Larter).

Beeston with Bittering 4084. Roman (or IA) terret or buckle frame, centre-loop cosmetic pestle, finger-ring with figured intaglio (G. Parsons).

Bixley 29810. Seal box lid (G. Linton).

Brampton 1124. Cosmetic mortar decorated with enamelled triangular cells on each side (M. Bone).

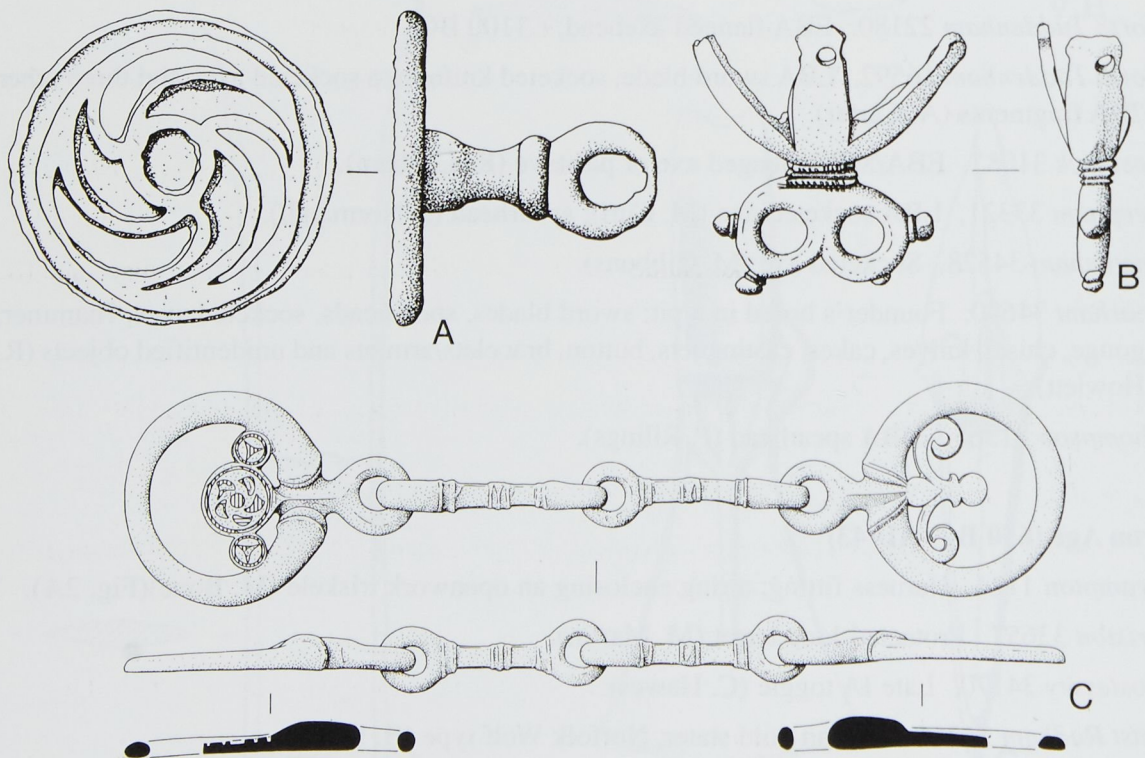


Fig. 2. Iron Age finds from Brampton, Itteringham and Swanton Morley.
Scale 1:1 (A), 1:2 (B) and 1:3 (C).

- Broome* 35115. Complete heart-shaped enamelled seal-box (D. Witham).
- Carleton St. Peter* 35090. Remains of a grey ware beaker and hoard of 127 coins deposited c. AD 333 (S. Pagan).
- Colkirk* 35839. *Dodecahedron* fragment (G. Linton).
- Costessey* 28422. Reversed fantail brooch (C. Hawes).
- East Dereham* 35068. Openwork disc from armour or horse harness (L. Head).
- Felthorpe* 35252. 'Bridge' brooch with engraved (rather than the usual enamelled) decoration (R. Hollingdale).
- Fincham* 33343. Enormous Dolphin brooch (72mm long), finger-ring bezel with figured intaglio (C. Sproule).
- Fincham* 34895. Leaded bronze vessel escutcheon in the form of a head of Jupiter or Neptune (C. Sproule/C. Merchant).
- Garboldisham* 34903. Hairpin decorated with a spiral groove (D. Harty).
- Hedenham* 35273. Complete 'kraftig profilierte' brooch, a Pannonian type rarely found in Britain (R. Long).
- Hellington* 34928. Cast lead dolphin figurine; probably a model (J. Scanlon).
- Hilborough* 35277. Possibly the remains of a blank for a large one-piece Colchester brooch (C. Matthews).
- Hockering* 34934. Large plate brooch in the form of a stag; perhaps the rare 'sea-stag' type ending in a dolphin's tail (R. Jenkins).
- Hockham* 35279. 'Dolphin' handle from a razor or knife (D. Johnson).
- Hockwold cum Wilton* 5587. 811 Roman coins, mostly C4 irregular issues, found fused together (D. Woollestone).
- Langley with Hardley* 32591. Hoard of 1937 coins, the latest of Probus (277-8) (K. Canham).
- Little Cressingham* 35101. Small duck figurine, perhaps from a wooden altar (C. Aldridge).
- Loddon* 33401. Unusual brooch like Hattatt's 1201 (a fish?), but possibly depicting a face (S. Davidson).
- Long Stratton* 25916. Base of a glass flask (P. Thrower).
- Postwick* 32598. Cast bronze naturalistic human head of a youthful male, probably from a vessel or similar object (G. Owen).
- Quidenham* 31405. Horse and rider brooch (E. Crick).
- Quidenham* 35174. Cast knife handle with openwork goat-head terminal and yellow enamelled cells on the neck (T. Preston)(Fig. 3A).
- Reepham* 33321. Finger-ring made from a cut-down bracelet (D. Lieurance).
- Saham Toney* 4697. Half of a Hertfordshire Puddingstone quern upper stone (C. Aldridge).
- Sall* 30134. Centre-loop cosmetic mortar (J. Beckerleg).
- Scole* 35320. Enamelled brooch with swimming fish design (M. Ashton).
- Shelton* 34604. Silver wire finger-ring, C2 (P. Thrower).

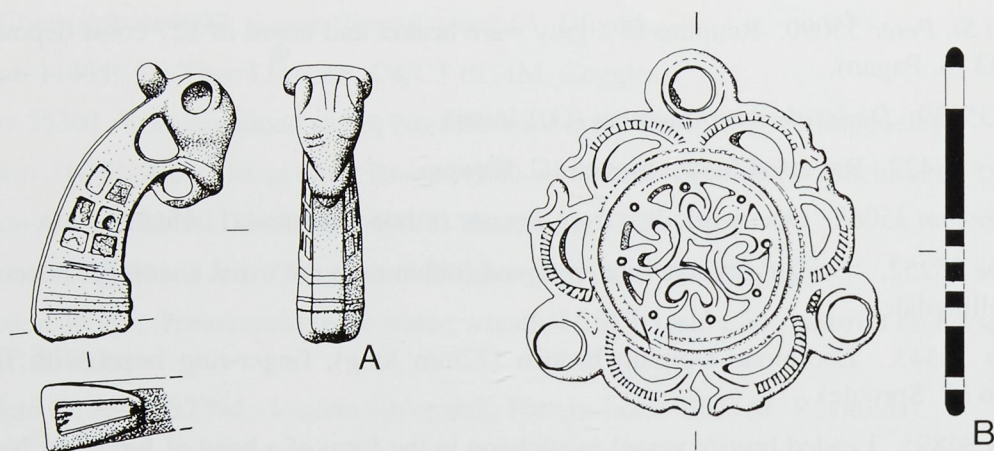


Fig. 3. Roman finds from Quidenham and Shouldham. Scale 1:1.

Shipdham 34360. Very late 'soldiers and settlers' type zoomorphic buckle with dolphins holding a human head (B. Dodgson).

Shipdham 35004. Twisted bracelet-like rod with a hook terminal, probably a Roman neck-ring (B. Dodgson).

Shouldham 28645. Elaborate openwork *phalera* (strap-junction) (C. Seaman)(Fig. 3B).

Skeyton 35323. Phallic pendant and lead female bust figurine (K. Wright).

Southery 14057. Gold *solidus* of Gratian, 378–383 (R.E. Kisby).

Sporle with Palgrave 34520. Foot from a large bronze bucket (M. Slaven).

Stanfield/Beetley 30600. Horse brooch and unusual knee brooch (K. Dickerson).

Tacolneston 35831. Figurine of Jupiter (A. Womack).

Thorpe Market 35340. Matrix for foil, with a head of Cupid or Bacchus, perhaps from a head-dress from a horse (M. Watts).

Wicklewood 8897. Cockerel figurine, perhaps once attached to a wooden base. Cockerels are usually associated with Mercury (C. Seaman).

Wramplingham 34457. Cast phallic amulet (R. Purdy).

Wymondham 33069. Centre-loop cosmetic pestle (K. Robinson).

Early Saxon (AD 410–650)

Bradenham 30636. Miniature girdle-hanger with ring-and-dot decoration (R. Jenkins) (Fig. 4A).

Brampton/Marsham 34284. Gold and garnet pendant, C7 (J. Blackburn).

Cawston 19522. Gold openwork finger-ring with dark red ?glass setting, probably C7 (I. Blocksidge)(Fig. 4B).

Costessey 34170. Wrist-clasp hook-plate, gilded silver, with Style I decoration and niello border. C6 (J. Carrigan)(Fig. 4C).



Fig. 4. Early Saxon finds from Bradenham, Cawston, Costessey, Gayton/Grimston, Little Cressingham, Oxborough, Quidenham and Tacolnoston. Scale 1:1.

- Field Dalling* 31558. Cast sword pyramid with an inlaid garnet in the top and criss-cross lozengiform decoration on the pyramid's faces, early C7 (S. Kemp).
- Fincham* 30049. Remarkable oval mount, similar to those in Mound 17 at Sutton Hoo, early C7 (C. Sprowle/C. Merchant).
- Gayton/Grimston* 15404. Small-long brooch head-plate and part of the bow, probably continental and perhaps mimicking a radiate brooch (J. Wells)(Fig. 4G).
- Holme Hale* 35597. Complete florid cruciform brooch, later C6 (M. Brown).
- Holt* 33046. Head and bow from a silver square-headed brooch of 'Kentish' type, with gilding and garnets (G. Owen).
- Little Cressingham* 35101. Flat openwork disc brooch, with projections and heart-shaped perforations. A rare type, perhaps C5 but may even be C7/C8 (C. Aldridge)(Fig. 4H).
- Loddon* 19487. Bell-shaped mount, silvered and gilded, with Style I chip-carved human mask and birds, C6: possibly fixed to a shield, harness, purse/bag or belt (A. Scott).
- Morton on the Hill* 29344. Heavy cast ring, perhaps from a C6/C7 chatelaine (P. and S. Buckley).
- Mundford* 35073. Very unusual brooch of southern Scandinavian type, perhaps made in Anglo-Saxon England (M. Willis).
- Oxborough* 22203. C7 buckle, with the frame and plate cast in one (A. Oliver)(Fig. 4E).
- Quidenham* 35730. Three fragments of lead models for ?cruciform brooches (E. Crick) (Fig. 4I).
- Saham Toney* 35636. Triangular 'spangle' from a pin or bucket rim etc., C5 or C6 (M. Nudd).
- Sall* 34991. Top of a cruciform brooch, with a unique spike in place of the top knob. Perhaps a repair in antiquity? C5/C6 (R. Jenkins).
- Shelton* 32302. Unparalleled buckle frame with ring-and-dot stamps and punched dots and crescents; either Early Saxon or C17 (P. Thrower).
- Tacolneston* 35664. Gold ?sword scabbard mount with cloisonné garnets, first half of C7 (K. Wright)(Fig. 4F).
- Tacolneston* 35831. Lower bow and foot of radiate brooch, C6 (A. Womack)(Fig. 4D).
- Wymondham* 33069. Two fragments of a cast Coptic bowl footing. Made in Egypt, such bowls only occur in early C7 burials and only c. 30 are recorded in the whole country (K. Robinson).

Middle Saxon (AD 650–850)

- Brampton* 11585. Square mount with decoration of chip-carved petals and crosses, slightly resembling coins of Offa (K. Rericha).
- Brinton* 34849. Large hooked tag, with enlarged gilded decoration of a ?spread eagle standing on a cross, ?C8 (J. Hull).
- Burnham Market* 32087. MS or LS strap-end, perhaps a C9 Viking type (G. Houston)(Fig. 5A).
- Felthorpe* 35253. Cross-shaped brooch; a nice example of an uncommon type (R. Hollingdale).
- Gimingham* 35716. Silver pinhead with niello inlay (S. Burgess and A. Kedge).

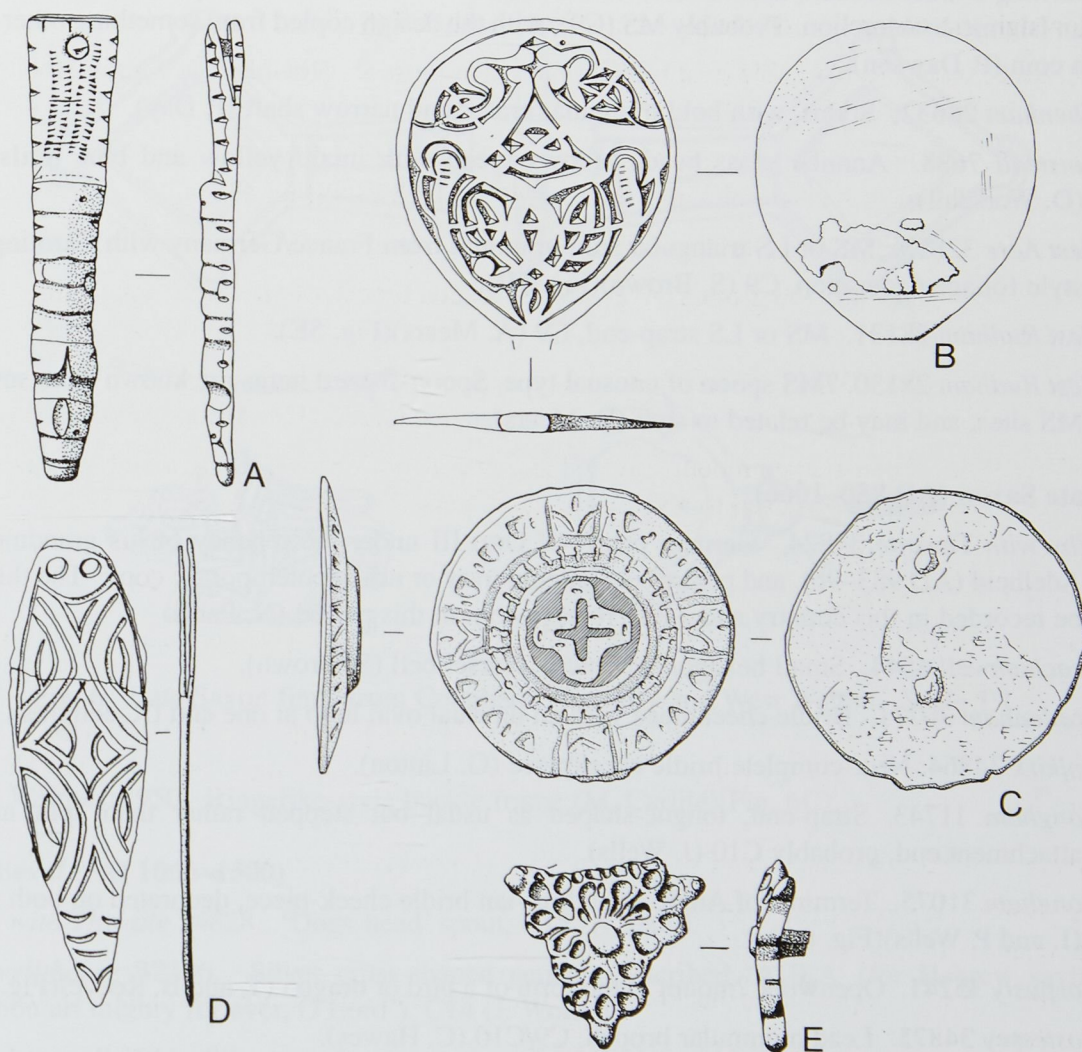


Fig. 5. Middle Saxon finds from Burnham Market, Kenninghall, Postwick, West Acre and West Rudham. Scale 1:1.

Kenninghall 35735. Gilded silver pinhead with chip-carved decoration of addorsed animals, in the 'Witham Pin' style, C8 (E. Crick)(Fig. 5B).

Letheringsett with Glandford 35447. Dress pin with globular head, C8–C9 (B. Thompson).

Lyng 3048. Complete MS or LS prick spur: an exceptionally important find (T. Reeve).

Mundham 34959. Gilded pinhead, shaped like a cube with the corners cut off and with cells containing blue glass blobs or garnets (N. Donmall).

Oxborough 1021. Elaborate pair of tweezers or a page turner (A. Oliver).

Postwick 31087. MS or LS circular mount, perhaps from a Carolingian composite disc brooch, C9 (K. Canham)(Fig. 5C).

Roudham 1057. Pimplly and sandy Ipswich Ware sherds (J. Martin).

Sall 30429. Exceptionally tiny ansate brooch, C8/C9 (R. Saunders).

Thurning 34366. Brooch, either MS or LS nummular. Circular with white pellet borders around an Islamic-looking lion. Probably MS (C9), with the design copied from something other than a coin (P. Dawson).

Tibenham 28632. Stylus, with bold triangular eraser and narrow shaft (P. Day).

Tunstead 7688. Annular glass bead, yellowy-green with inlaid yellow and blue trails, C7 (D. Worsdall).

West Acre 32813. MS or LS triangular stud or mount from France/Germany with Carolingian-style foliage decoration, C9 (S. Brown)(Fig. 5D).

West Rudham 28131. MS or LS strap-end, C9 (A. Mears)(Fig. 5E).

West Rudham 28130. ?MS spoon of unusual type. Spoon-shaped items are known from several MS sites, and may be related to styli (B. Mears).

Late Saxon (AD 850–1066)

Alby with Thwaite 34824. German penny of Otto III under the regency of his grandmother Adelheid (AD 983–96), and perhaps a contemporary or near-contemporary copy. The third to be recorded in this country and a rare foreign coin in this period (N. Paul).

Beachamwell 4544. Small hexagonal/conical 'Norse' bell (S. Brown).

Bradenham 30771. Bridle cheekpiece with an unusual oval loop at one end (R. Jenkins).

Colkirk 34864. Near-complete bridle cheekpiece (G. Linton).

Congham 11743. Strap-end, tongue-shaped as usual but stepped rather than split at the attachment end, probably C10 (J. Wells).

Congham 31075. Terminal of Anglo-Scandinavian bridle cheek-piece, decorated on both sides (J. and P. Wells)(Fig. 6A).

Corpusty 35241. Openwork ?mount in the form of a bird or dragon (T. and B. Reeve)(Fig. 6B).

Costessey 34875. Lead nummular brooch, C9/C10 (C. Hawes).

Emneth 32353. LS or medieval limestone spindle whorl (M. Carlile).

Lyng 3048. 'Spur', with curved arms decorated with stylised animal heads (T. and B. Reeve).

Postwick 31194. Bronze handle from an iron strike-a-light, with decoration of an open-work horse and rider in profile, late C9/late C10. An exceptionally rare find, and perhaps the first in this country. See also Geake, H., 2000, 'A Viking-Period Scandinavian Strike-A-Light Handle from Norfolk', *Medieval Archaeol.* XLIV, 223-4. (K. Canham).

Quidenham 30378. Remarkable brooch or mount fragment with Carolingian-style plant ornament, C9. Probably made in northern France and brought to Norfolk as the result of Viking activity (E. Crick).

Reepham 33321. Stirrup-strap mount with stylised animal-head terminals. A 'new' type not listed in Williams' corpus (J. Tamosaitis).

Saham Toney 35636. Ingot with transversely hammered fluting. Such Viking ingots are now known in gold (2) and copper alloy (2, including this example), as well as the usual silver (M. Nudd).

Weasenham All Saints 34651. Very small lead tablet/amulet, with the name of God in Hebrew as part of an enigmatic incised text; probably a personal devotional object, 950–1100 (S. Creed).

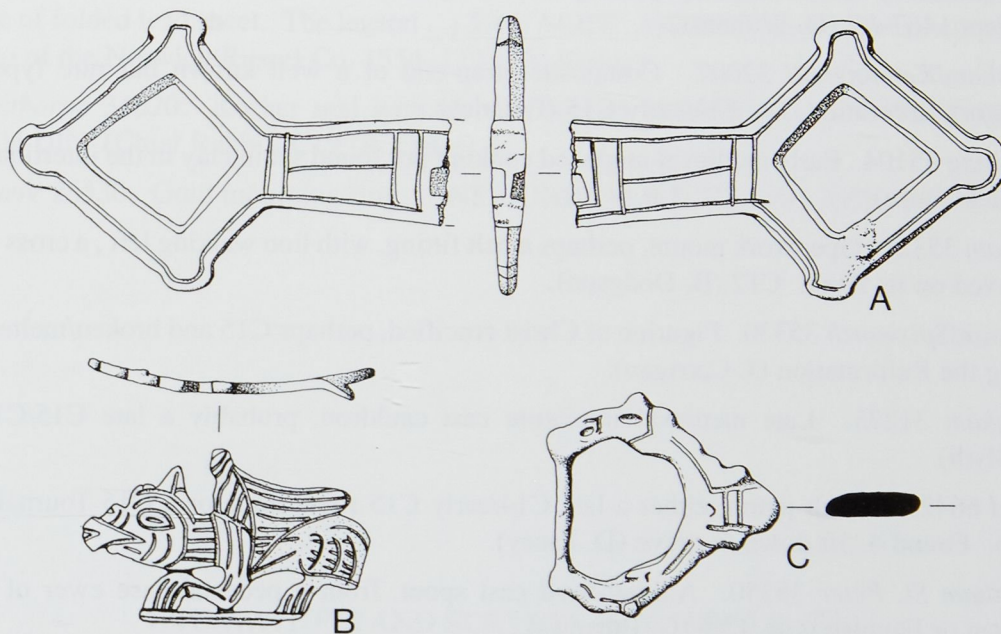


Fig. 6. Late Saxon finds from Congham, Corpusty and West Walton. Scale 1:1.

West Walton 18950. Ringerike-style buckle frame (M. Carlile)(Fig. 6C).

Medieval (AD 1066–1500)

Alby with Thwaite 34828. 'Dogs-head' spout, C15 (N. Paul).

Ashwellthorpe 32306. Silver cross-shaped pendant inscribed 'AGLA' (for Hebrew saying 'Thou art mighty for ever, O Lord'), C14 (J. Worton).

Beachamwell 4544. Silver pendant cross, inscribed IESVS, C13 (S. Brown).

Brampton 1006. Small two-handled flask, perhaps for mercury (J. Kerns).

Buxton with Lammas 33825. Figurative mount (?Limoges), with glass or enamel eyes and enamelled cloak or gown (R. Carey).

Cley next the Sea 32332. Flat-backed female statuette, probably a saint or the Virgin Mary (R. Newton).

Feltwell 35256. Near-complete small pot, lacking only part of the rim and middle body. Unglazed ?Grimston fabric, reduced with orange surfaces. Function uncertain, C13 or C14 (I. Hinton).

Kirstead 5108. Lead ampulla, with a secondary perforation (G. Bush).

Morley 34252. Coin hoard of 21 pennies and cut halfpennies, Henry III, Class 3 1248–50 (6), Class 5 1251–72 (13), Class 7 1272–9 (1) and Scottish long cross and stars c.1250 (1) (W. Brooker).

Morton on the Hill 29344. Very ornate casket key (P. and S. Buckley).

Northrepps 35444. Very large and elaborate composite book-clasp with monogram AMR (Ave Maria) and pin with animal-head terminal (S. Nathan).

- Pulham St. Mary* 35317. Silver double patard of Charles the Bold of Burgundy as Count of Flanders 1467–77 (D. Witham).
- Quidenham/Kenninghall* 32007. Composite strap-end of a well known but rare type with openwork decoration, late C14/early C15 (E. Crick).
- Sea Palling* 35104. Early medieval unglazed cooking pot found set in clay in the intertidal zone (A. Fieldhouse).
- Shipdham* 35321. Openwork mount, perhaps a belt fitting, with lion walking left, a cross potent engraved on its flank. C12 (B. Dodgson).
- Sprowston/Spixworth* 35330. Figurine of Christ crucified, perhaps C15 and broken/melted/bent during the Reformation (J. Carrigan).
- Surlingham* 31275. Late medieval miniature cast cauldron, probably a late C15/C16 toy (A. Blyth).
- Sustead* 6642. French jetton, either a late C14/early C15 royal issue or a C15 Tournai stock jetton. Found 4–5ft down in grave (D. Facey).
- Weasenhams St. Peter* 35350. Animal-head cast spout, from a pedestal-base ewer of North German or Flemish type, C15 (G. Burrows).
- Wendling* 35105. A peculiar ampulla, originally hexagonal in section, and larger (and thus heavier) than normal (V. Hudson).
- West Rudham* 30883. Very curious annular brooch in the form of a finger-ring (or a ring modified for use as a brooch): gilded circular hoop with empty setting on the bezel, and a constriction with swivelling pin (B. Mears).
- West Rudham* 28130. Silver pendant cross, with initials 'A' and 'L' perhaps for 'AGLA' (see Ashwellthorpe)(A. Mears).
- West Walton* 18953. Lead pilgrim badge in the shape of a heart, perhaps associated with Bromholm Priory (Bacton 1073)(M. Carlile).
- Weybourne* 29423. Gold finger-ring with lettering probably for AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA, C13 (J. Morrison).

Post-Medieval (AD 1500–1950)

- Bradenham* 3077. Very unusual early post-medieval iron ball-headed pin with a pewter-covered head (R. Jenkins).
- Brockdish* 34853. C18/C19 surveying device, with a long point (set in a wooden staff) and arms notched (?for sighting)(P. Hood).
- Bunwell* 35682. Pin, with knobbed head and collar and bent shaft flared at the top, probably C16 rather than Middle Saxon (C. Harrison).
- Clenchwarton* 2189. Early post-medieval dress fastener with chain; the fastener of ?seven wires, bound round with another to form a flat plate. Parallels are later C15 and C17 (K. Elfleet).
- Denver* 29545. Pottery sherd in a fine unglazed oxidised fabric, either a pedestal base sherd or from a 'chicken feeder', C16/C17 (Baxter).

Horsham St. Faith and Newton St. Faith 35284. Book clasp, peculiar due to its size and being made of folded lead sheet. The legend ..] TAS: ALET: ARTES (*Fidelitas Artes Alit*) was the motto of the Norwich Russel Co. 1554–1723 (A. Kedge).

Swainsthorpe 34620. Kosher seal with Hebrew legend 'KOSHER' and 'OFFICE OF THE BETH DIN' (Chief Rabbi), C19 (R. Oates).

Wickmere 28530. Gold mourning ring, JANE BOND OB 9 JUNE 1791 AET 31 (T. Bonas).

EXCAVATIONS AND SURVEYS IN NORFOLK 2000

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This annual report comprises summaries of archaeological excavations, fieldwork and surveys carried out during 2000. As it is often several years before post-excavation work is completed and a full report is published (for larger projects), these summaries provide a useful guide to current archaeological research in the county. The report also includes sites surveyed by Brian Cushion during the course of the Norfolk Earthworks Survey; these are indicated by 'NES'. Other abbreviations: NAU — Norfolk Archaeological Unit; NLA — Norfolk Landscape Archaeology; SMR — Norfolk Sites and Monuments Record.

A 47(T) Trunk Road, Multi-Modal Transport Study

by Kenneth Penn, NAU

A desktop study for The Landscape Partnership drew attention to archaeologically sensitive areas and sites within an area of c. 240km² peripheral to the A47 trunk road between Norwich and Great Yarmouth. NAU Report 549.

Attleborough, Queen's Road (SMR 35169; TM 045 954)

by Tobin Rayner, Archaeological Project Services.

Evaluation trenching for Lidl UK GmbH recorded a post-medieval wall, several ditches and a medieval gully, suggesting subdivision of the land into smaller property units during that period. Waterlogged organic remains were preserved in several ditches. Previously-documented pits were recorded centrally within the development area; the presence of numerous glass bottles suggested these features had been used as refuse pits during the early/mid C20. APS Report 55/00.

by Sophie Tremlett, NAU

A subsequent watching brief recorded a number of medieval and later ditches, possibly land divisions. NAU Report 541.