COIN REGISTER 1995

In recent times we have all been made increasingly aware of the significance of single coin finds, partly because such finds are relevant to the solution of historical problems such as the regional pattern of coin circulation, and partly because of the number of rare types or completely new varieties which come to light in this way. It is desirable that single finds should be recorded promptly, accurately and in an organised manner.

The Coin Register is an annual listing, to which anyone having single finds to report from Britain or Ireland may contribute. Any Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, Norman or Plantagenet coin will be eligible down to and including the ‘Tealby’ type of Henry II, but entries for Roman coins and for later medieval and modern coins will be restricted to those coins which are of particular numismatic merit. The essential criterion for inclusion will be that the coin is new, by virtue of either being newly found or (if previously discovered) being hitherto unpublished. Single finds from excavation sites may be included, if it seems likely that there would otherwise be considerable delay in publication.

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Abbreviations

BM British Museum
CCI Celtic Coin Index
M/d Metal-detector
SMR Sites and Monuments Record

Authorities cited

Belfort = A. de Belfort, Description Générale des Monnaies Mérovingiennes, 5 vols (Paris, 1892–95).


Mayhew = N.J. Mayhew, Sterling Imitations of Edwardian Type (London, 1983).


Ratto = Monnaies Byzantines et d'autres pays contemporains à l'époque byzantine, Ratto, Lugano, sale 9 December 1930.


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Celtic Coins

Note: During 1995, nearly 800 Celtic coin finds were reported to the Celtic Coin Index. For practical reasons, therefore, the list that follows is selective, concentrating on the publication and discussion of rare and new types.

1. Imitation of stater of Philip II of Macedon (CCI 95.3023).
   
   Obv. head of Apollo r.  
   Rev. two horses r. pulling biga; charioteer above; stylized legend in exergue.  
   Weight: 8.3g.  
   Large test cut on obverse, from centre to edge of flan; compare the imitation stater also from Kent and treated in the same way, published in Coin Register 1992, BNJ 62, no. 1.  
   D.H.

2. 'Ambiani', bronze unit, LT XXXIII 8416, Scheers series 59 (CCI 95.0181).
   Weight: 2.4g.  
   D.H.

3. 'Carnutes', bronze unit, LT XIX 6108 (CCI 95.1402).
   Weight: 2.89g.  
   West Ilsley, Bucks. M/d find, 1995; information from Paul Cannon.  
   P. de J.

4. 'Remi', cast bronze unit, LT XXXII 8124, Scheers series 191 (CCI 95.0938).
   Weight: 5.8g.  
   D.H.

5. Massilia, cast bronze unit, cf. LT IV 1476 (CCI 95.3475).
   Rev. legend not visible.  
   Weight: 3.14g.  
   P. de J.

6. Imitation of Massiliot cast bronze unit, possibly southern Gaulish (CCI 95.2724).
   Rev. MA.  
   Weight: 5.08g.  
   Worth, Kent. M/d find, 1980s.  
   D.H.

7. Gallo-Belgic, stater, class C, VA 44-1, Scheers series 9 class II (CCI 95.3529).
   Weight: 6.84g.  
   C.E.K.

8. Gallo-Belgic or British, quarter stater (CCI 95.3530).
   Obv. worn 'three men in a boat' design, cf. Gallo-Belgic DC (VA 69-1, Scheers series 13 class III).  
   Rev. simplification of 'oak tree' design from Gallo-Belgic DC.  
   Weight: 1.65g.  
   This coin seems likely to be an early local derivative of the imported Gallo-Belgic type; it is too heavy to be part of the regular British O series.  
   C.E.K./P. de J.

9. Gallo-Belgic or British, quarter stater, VA 147-5 (CCI 95.0262).
   Weight: 1.4g.  
   This type was first published in SCBI 1 (Fitzwilliam Museum), pl. 129. Van Arsdell classified it as 147-5 in NCirc 103 (February 1995), p. 3. More than a dozen examples have been recorded since 1990, the provenanced coins almost entirely from Kent, thus suggesting an insular rather than a continental origin.  
   D.H./P. de J.

    Weight: 1.43g.  
    Caistor, near, Lincs. M/d find by Mr M. O’Bee.  
    The quadrilobate motif on the obverse does not appear on previously published examples.  
    P. de J.

11. British, quarter stater, similar to stater class G (CCI 95.3918).
    Weight: 1.46g.  
    White Roding, Essex. M/d find.  
    More than twenty examples of this quarter stater are now recorded in the CCI. The type is discussed by P. de Jersey, ‘A new quarter stater for British G?’, NCirc 101 (September 1993), 236–237. It now seems likely that the face apparently present on the obverse of the first recorded examples is simply a product of wear on the coin. See also no. 12.  
    C.R./P. de J.

12. British, quarter stater, similar to stater class G (CCI 95.4031).
    Weight: 1.31g.  
    See comments for no. 11. This coin is silver in appearance; a low gold content may support its association with the Clacton stater (British G), which can be very low in gold and correspondingly high in silver (M. Cowell, in M. Mays (ed.), Celtic Coinage: Britain and beyond (Oxford, 1992), p. 211).  
    R.W.B./P. de J.

    Weight: 6.10g.  
    Cromer, near, Norfol. M/d find.  
    M.J.C.
   Weight: 5.56g.
   C.E.K.

15. British, quarter stater, new type (CCI 95.3464).
   Obv. stylized wreath, the lower part presented by
   conventional leaves and the upper by a bean-shaped
   arrangement of dashes; crossed by two plain lines with
   a row of pellets between them, with stylized locks of
   hair above and below; to the right, three crescents.
   Rev. horse r., beaded mane; cogwheel below,
   waterspout motif above.
   Weight not available.
   Heybridge, Essex. M/d find.
   The fifth example in the CCI, and the fourth
   provenanced to Essex; a coin of the same type was
   published by D. Symons, N/Circ 98 (October 1990), p.
   268 no. 16. The style suggests a clear association with
   the producers of the Whaddon Chase series.
   C.R./P. de J.

16. British, plated quarter stater, new type (CCI 95.2903).
   Obv. stylized wreath of small, near-rectangular leaves,
   crossed by 'spike' of similar rectangles; stylized locks
   of hair, above and below spike; crescents to r.
   Rev. double-tailed horse r., corded mane, prominent
   ears and distinctive style of head; large six-spoked
   wheel below, multi-armed spiral above.
   Weight: 1.15g.
   This coin appears to be associated with the
   Savernake stater type (British MB), which shares the
   same style of horse, the spiral decoration above it and
   the wheel beneath. A full discussion by P. de Jersey will
   P. de J.

17. British, quarter stater, class LY 5, VA 163-1 (CCI 95.0075).
   Weight: 1.35g.
   D.H.

18. 'Cantii', silver unit, new type of Dubnovellaunus (CCI 95.0233).
   Obv. uncertain beast r., head turned back towards tail,
   rings in field.
   Rev. DVBNO behind seated figure r., holding an
   uncertain object.
   Weight: 0.9g.
   Cf. the seated figure on the reverse of another type of
   Dubnovellaunus, VA 178-1; the style of the obverse is
   akin to another silver unit of Dubnovellaunus, VA 171-1.
   The second example of this type in the CCI; both are
   from Kent.
   D.H./P. de J.

19. 'Cantii', bronze unit of Amminus, VA 193-1 (CCI 95.0740).
   Obv. AM.
   Rev. DVNO.
   Weight: 2.4g.
   D.H.

20. 'Cantii', bronze unit, new type (CCI 95.0903).
   Obv. Romanized bust r., hair gathered at back of neck.
   Rev. clumpy Pegasus 1., large hooves, standing on plain
   exergual line, decoration of arcs below.
   Weight: 2.3g.
   Worth, Kent. M/d find, 1980s.
   Five examples are recorded from Kent. The use of
   the bust suggests a date at the end of the first century
   BC or the early first century AD. See also no. 21.
   D.H./P. de J.

21. 'Cantii', bronze unit, new type (CCI 95.0929).
   Weight: 2.0g.
   Same type as no. 20.
   D.H./P. de J.

22. 'Cantii', bronze unit, new type (CCI 95.0209).
   Obv. head 1., hair in five or six rolls projecting from
   forehead and rear of cheek.
   Rev: horse, probably Pegasus r., cross-hatched box below.
   Weight: 1.7g.
   Five examples are recorded in the CCI. One in better
   condition was published in Coin Register 1993 (BNJ
   63), pl. 15.128. Same type as no. 23.
   D.H./P. de J.

23. 'Cantii', bronze unit, new type (CCI 95.0259).
   Weight 1.4g.
   Same type as no. 22.
   D.H./P. de J.

24. 'Cantii', bronze unit, new type (CCI 95.0135).
   Obv. illegible (but see comments).
   Rev: horse (?) 1., with thick corded neck and raised tail
   of five strands; rings around.
   Weight: 1.8g.
   Sandwich, Kent. M/d find, 1986.
   The second example from Kent, both from the same
   site in Sandwich. The obverse bears a thickset boar 1.,
   surrounded by rings and pellet in ring motifs, somewhat
   similar to VA 181-1 of Dubnovellaunus.
   D.H./P. de J.

25. 'Atrebates', silver unit of Eppillus, VA 442-1 (CCI 95.0264).
   Obv. legend not visible.
   Rev. EP.
   Weight: 1.1g.
   D.H.
26. 'Atrebates', core of plated stater of Verica, VA 460-1 (CCI 95.0457).
   Obv. COM F.
   Rev. VI[ ]R.
   Weight: 3.12g.

27. Silver unit, new type, possibly of 'Atrebates' (CCI 95.3174).
   Obv. head r., in Dobunnic style, with large loop forming forehead and running down behind face; simple dashes representing hair projecting from rear of loop. In front of the mouth is a small quadruped.
   Rev. horse 1., sunburst above, large pellet in ring below.
   Weight not available.
   Thatcham, Berkshire. M/d find, 1995; information from Paul Cannon.

The first examples of this type were published by D. Symons, NCirc 98 (October 1990), p. 268 no. 18, and in SCBI 42 (South-eastern Museums), pl. 11.347-348. A further nine have been recorded in the CCI, including the two shown here. The provenances are spread widely across Berkshire, Oxfordshire and West Sussex and the attribution is consequently rather uncertain. The style of the obverse bears some resemblance to the silver units attributed to Commius by Van Arsdell (eg VA 355). Same type as no. 28.

P. de J.

28. Silver unit, new type, possibly of 'Atrebates' (CCI 95.4033).
   Weight: 0.87g.
   Catmore, Berkshire. M/d find, 1995; information from Paul Cannon.

   Same type as no. 27.

P. de J.

29. 'Trinovantes', bronze unit, class LX 26, VA 1629-1 (CCI 95.0150).
   Weight: 2.0g.

   Six of the seven examples in the CCI have been found in Kent, casting some doubt on the traditional north Thames attribution.

   D.H./P. de J.

30. 'Trinovantes' or 'Catuvellauni', silver half-unit, new type (CCI 95.2925).
   Obv. stylized wreath of two plain lines enclosing zigzag line, crossed by three lines of closely-arranged pellets; uncertain decoration in quarters.
   Rev. horse r., beaded mane; crescent above, possibly lower part of a lyre; pellet in ring below, feather-like decoration appended to lower edge of pellet in ring.
   Weight not available.

   Two examples were published in Coin Register 1992 (BNJ 62), pl. 29.197-198. Provenances include one each in Norfolk, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Essex (or Essex/Suffolk border), and attribution is consequently uncertain.

   P. de J.

31. 'Catuvellauni', gold stater of Tasciovanus, new type (CCI 95.0183).
   Obv. pair of plain back-to-back arcs separated by two pellets; pellet in ring motifs in hollows of arcs and in space where arcs diverge; the former attached to slightly curved stylized wreaths, the latter to straight sections of wreath. 'Hidden face' decoration in quarters.
   Rev. horse r., beaded mane; pellet in ring surrounded by four small pellets above, above that to 1. a bucranium and to r. a pellet in ring surrounded by a circle of pellets. Below horse TAS, in front CIO.
   Weight: 5.4g.

   One other example of the same type is recorded, found in Cambridgeshire in 1976 and now in a private collection. The type seems to represent an intermediate stage between the coins with a bucranium (eg VA 1680-1684) and those with a mounted warrior (VA 1730-1736).

   D.H./P. de J.

32. 'Catuvellauni', gold quarter stater of Tasciovanus, VA 1786-1 (CCI 95.3531).
   Obv. TASC.
   Weight: 1.37g.

   C.E.K.

33. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Tasciovanus, VA 1796-1 (CCI 95.3740).
   Obv. VERL.
   Rev. TAS.
   Weight: 1.16g.
   Compton, Berkshire. M/d find, 1995; information from Paul Cannon.

   P. de J.

34. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Tasciovanus, VA 1800-1 (CCI 95.0910).
   Obv. TASC.
   Weight: 1.3g.

   C.E.K.

35. 'Catuvellauni', bronze half-unit of Rues, VA 1903-1 (CCI 95.3497).
   Rev. RVII.
   Weight: 1.18g.

   J.A.D.

36. 'Catuvellauni', gold quarter stater of Cunobelin, VA 2038-1 var. (CCI 95.0245).
   Obv. CAMV.
   Rev. CVNO.
   Weight: 1.4g.
37. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobelin, VA 2063-1 (CCI 95.2922).
Obv: CVNOBELINV[S].
Rev: [TASCI][OVANTI][S].
Weight not available.
P. de J.

38. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobelin, VA 2073-1 (CCI 95.0104).
Obv: SOLIDIV.
Rev: CVNO.
Weight: 1.27g.
D.H.

39. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobelin, new type (CCI 95.3332).
Obv: bust r., CVNO behind, BELINVS in front.
Rev: Victory walking r., TASCI[OVANTIIS] around.
Weight: 1.32g.

12 examples are recorded in the CCI, predominantly from the west of the north Thames region, including five from Buckinghamshire, one from Oxfordshire and two each from Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire.
C.E.K./P. de J.

40. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobelin, new type (CCI 95.3333).
Obv: central panel with incuse sides around pellet in ring, bucranium at each corner; between each bucranium, a 'snake's head facing l.'
Rev: horse l., CVNO with V and N ligate below, pellet in ring below head, branch above back.
Weight: 1.09g.
Chelmsford area, Essex. M/d find.
The third recorded example; one of the others was found in excavation at Brantree in Essex. The obverse type recalls earlier north Thames issues with arrangements of three or four 'snake heads', suggesting that this type was struck early in Cunobelin's reign.
J.O.-O./P. de J.

41. 'Dobunni', stater of Bodvoc, VA 1052-1 (CCI 95.3292).
Obv: BODVOC[C].
Weight: 5.55g.
From the same field as the stater of Bodvoc illustrated in Coin Register 63 (1993), pl. 15.101, recorded as from Kenilworth.
P.J.W.

42. 'Dobunni', stater of Corio, VA 1035-1 (CCI 95.1266).
Obv: CORIO.
Weight: 5.50g.
P. de J.

43. 'Dobunni', silver unit, class A, VA 1020-1 (CCI 95.0458).
Weight: 1.13g.
C.E.K.

44. 'Dobunni', silver unit, class E, VA 1074-1 (CCI 95.0459).
Weight: 0.94g.
C.E.K.

45. 'Dobunni', silver unit of Eisv, class H, VA 1110-1 (CCI 95.3290).
Obv: [EI][SV].
Weight: 1.05g.
P.J.W.

46. 'Dobunni', silver unit, new type (CCI 95.3288).
Obv: very crude Dobunnic head r., with three large pellets behind nose and mouth.
Rev: triple-tailed horse l., V symbol above, star below tail, uncertain motif resembling an upside-down Y between two pellets below.
Weight: 1.91g.
Type previously unrecorded; unusually heavy.
P.J.W.

47. 'Iceni', silver unit, early face/horse Cd var., VA 665-5 var. (CCI 95.0519).
Obv: plain.
Weight: 1.13g.
Soham, Cambs. M/d find.
This coin provides a die-link between the early face/horse Cd obverse (Gregory in M. Mays (ed.), Celtic Coinage: Britain and beyond (Oxford, 1992), pi. 9.27) and the early face/horse B reverse (ibid., pl. 9.20).
C.R./P. de J.

48. 'Corieltauvi', quarter stater (?), scyphate type (CCI 95.1303).
Weight: 1.36g.
Caistor, near, Lincs. M/d find by Mr M. O'Bee.
P. de J.

49. 'Corieltauvi', silver unit, new type (CCI 95.1377).
Obv: plain.
Rev: horse l., three pellets in triangular arrangement below tail, 'kite' containing four pellets above horse.
Weight: 0.90g.
Caistor, near, Lincs. M/d find by Mr M. O'Bee.
Cf. VA 889-7, but unit rather than half-unit.
P. de J.
50. 'Corieltauvi', silver unit of AVN COST, new type (CCI 95.1362).

_Greek Coin_


_Roman Coins_

52. Republic, denarius of Libo, Cr 416/1.

Obv. bearded and diademed head of Herakles, r.
Rev. trophy flanked by KAAAIAAIONISN.
Weight: 4.20g, pierced.

Barkston Ash, N. Yorkshire. M/d find, 1994. (Not illustrated.)

_C.P.B._

53. Titus, under Vespasian, gold aureus, RIC 187, BMC 185, AD 76.

Lincolnshire?


(Not illustrated.)

_R.F.B._

54. Carausius (286/7-93), silver denarius, 'RSR' series.

_Obv._ IMP CARAVSIVS [ ]; bust laur., dr. and cuir., seen from front, r.
_Rev._ [ ] R | AVGV, in exergue, RSR; wolf and twins r.

_British find, no provenance._


(Not illustrated.)

_R.F.B._

55. Carausius, silver denarius, RIC –.

_Obv._ IMP CARAVSIVS [ ]; bust laur., dr. and cuir., seen from front, r.
_Rev._ [ ] IVAIC; in exergue, **; female figure seated r., holding globe in l. hand, elbow resting on throne.

Weight: 3.06g. Die-axis: 270°.

M.A.S.B./K.K.


_Obv._ CONSTANTINVS MAX AVG; bust laur., dr. and cuir., seen from front, r.
_Rev._ VOTA PVBLICA: Anubis stg. 1., holding branch(?) and caduceus.

Weight: 1.23g.

Kirmington, South Humberside. Found by Hilda Sands, 1974.

Obv. as A. Alfoldi, _A Festival of Isis in Rome_, Diss. Pannonicae (Budapest, 1937), 22. See also CR 1993, no. 132 for two other British finds of this series.

_R.F.B._

57. Constantine I, gold 'bracteate'.

_Obv._ IMP CONSTANTINVS PF AVG, bust, rad. dr. and cuir., seen from rear, l.
_Rev._ blank.


_R.F.B._

58. Valentinian I (364–75), gold solidus, Trier, RIC 17b, 4 (TROBS).


Said to have been found at Wickford, Essex. Acquired by the British Museum, 1994-11-8-2.

_R.F.B._

59. Julius Nepos (474–5), gold solidus, Constantinople, RIC 3244 (corr.: mint-mark COMOB*).


_R.F.B._

60. Contemporary (?) imitation of Visigothic solidus imitating solidus of Valentinian III.

_Obv._ D [N] VALENTIONANVS PI AVG (sic), bust, laur., dr. and cuir., seen from front, r.
_Rev._ VICTORA - AAVGGG; R V // CONOB; emperor stg. facing, r. foot on serpent, holding globe and spear.


Base metal, gilded.

_Castle Hedingham, Essex, 1994._

No base metal imitations of Visigothic imitations of solidi of Valentinian III are known (cf. G. Depeyrot, 'Les solidi gaulois de Valentinian III', SNR 65 (1986), 111–31) and this piece could be a modern forgery.

_R.F.B._

61. Gallic imitation of solidus of Anastasias I, cf. MIB I, 3a; Ratto 314.

_Obv._ D N ANASTASIVS PERP AVG; bust, helmeted, pearldiad., cuir., facing, holding spear over r. shoulder and shield on l. shoulder.

_R.F.B._
**Rev. VICTORI-A AVGGR; * //CONOB; Victory stg. 1., holding long cross.**


R.F.B.

**Byzantine Coin**


This coin has a green ‘English’ patina, and was found in a tract of arable land which has previously produced Iron Age and Roman finds, and a substantial coin and artefact sequence of the 12th to the 17th centuries. The coins are probably a mixture of on-site losses and perhaps the spreading of domestic waste for manuring purposes. There are few post-17th-century finds.

Many finds of Byzantine coins from Britain have been shown to be relatively modern in their date of loss (see G.C. Boon, ‘Byzantine and other exotic ancient bronze coins from Exeter’, in N. Holbrook and P. Bidwell, *Roman Finds from Exeter* (Exeter, 1991), at pp. 38-45). Some, however, are likely to be contemporary losses and from its condition and context this coin may well be one such loss, perhaps relating to the aftermath of the 4th Crusade of 1202-4.

M.J.C.

**Merovingian Coins**

63. Gold tremissis, Dorestad, moneyer Madelinus, *MEC* 495.

Obv. ΔORESTAT FIT.

Rev. MAVELINVS H.

Weight: 1.18g (18.2gr). Die-axis: 100°.

Congham, Norfolk, site 11743. M/d find, 1995.

J.A.D.


Obv. [ ]EZIDEMIVS[ ] ([ZS scratchy letters, DE ligatured, S on its back); monogram of city name.

Weight: 1.47g (22.7gr). Die-axis: c. 45°.

Sandwich, Kent. Found by Mr P. Tudor, spring 1994.

The weight of this coin is exceptionally heavy for the period but there is no evidence of mounting. A looped tremissis of the same types of normal weight found at Ash, Kent, in 1994 (CR 1994, no. 111) is from different dies, as also *MEC* 443.

M.M.A.

**Sceattas**

69. Sceat, Series A (Rigold A3), *BMC* 2a, North 40.

Weight: 0.82g (12.6gr), fragment. Die-axis: 0°.


M.A.S.B./J.N.

70. Sceat, Series A3 imitation, *BMC* 2a, North 40.

Weight and die-axis: not recorded.

Ripple, Kent, September 1994.

Same obverse die as Metcalf T&S 96.

(Not illustrated; photo held in Kent SMR).

D.H.


Weight: 1.08g (16.6gr).

Bradenham, Norfolk, site 30636. M/d find, 1995.

J.A.D.
72. Sceat, Series BII, BMC 27b, North 127. 
Weight: 1.36g (21.0gr). Die-axis: 180°. 
Congham, Norfolk, site 25765. M/d find, March 1995. 
J.A.D.

73. Sceat, Series BZ, BMC 29b var. (bird left), North 131. 
Obv. VICV+-+VCV, stylised facing head. 
Rev. [?] [of], bird left over cross, annulet in field left. 
Weight: 0.79g (12.2gr), chipped and metal internally corroded and crystalline. Die-axis: 0°. 
Metcalf records 12 coins of this series struck from four pairs of dies. This specimen is from a fifth pair, and it is the first to have a reverse with a left-facing bird. Stylistically it is similar to the others, lying somewhere between BMC 144 and the two Oxford specimens. Another example of this left-facing variety, but from a different pair of dies, found at Hintlesham, Suffolk is published below (no. 74). The metal of the Brandon/Lakenheath find is probably rather base, to judge from the chocolate brown patina, which is consistent with other coins of this type. 
M.A.S.B.

74. Sceat, Series BZ, BMC 29b var. (bird left), North 131. 
Obv. VS:+[++]+I, stylised facing head. 
Rev. inscr. largely off flan, bird left over cross, annulet in field left. 
Weight: 0.92g (14.2gr), chipped. Die-axis: 0°. 
See comment on no. 73. 
M.A.S.B./J.N.

75. Sceat, Series C, BMC 2b, runic, moneyer Epa. 
Weight: 1.15g (17.7gr). 
Bradenham, Norfolk, site 30636. M/d find, 1995. 
J.A.D.

76. Sceat, Series C, BMC 2b, runic, moneyer Epa. 
Weight: 1.12g (17.2gr). 
J.A.D.

77. Sceat, Series C2, North 161, moneyer Epa. 
Weight: 1.06g (16.3gr). Die-axis: 0° (as shown). 
M.M.A.

Weight: 1.2g (18.5gr). Die-axis: 180°. 
D.H.

79. Sceat, Series D, T&S type 8 (no pellets in angles of cross). 
Obv. pseudo-legend; plain cross. 
Rev. devolved standard. 
Weight: 1.18g (18.2gr). 
M.M.A.

80. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, 'porcupine'. 
Weight: 1.04g (16.1gr). 
West Rudham, Norfolk, site 28131. M/d find, February 1995. 
J.A.D.

81. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, 'porcupine'. 
Weight: 0.69g (10.6gr). 
Stanfield/Beetley, Norfolk, site 30600. M/d find, July 1995. 
J.A.D.

82. Sceat, Series E. 
Obv. 'porcupine'. 
Rev. square compartment containing central annulet, symbols. 
Weight: 1.15g (17.7gr). 
J.A.D.

83. Sceat, Series E. 
Obv. 'porcupine'. 
Rev. square compartment containing central annulet and dot. 
Weight: 1.08g (16.6gr). 
J.A.D.

84. Sceat, Series E, variety G4, BMC 4, North 45. 
Weight: 1.0g (15.4gr). Die-axis: 0°. 
Hartlip, Kent. February 1995. 
D.H.

Weight: 1.11g (17.2gr). 
M.A.S.B./J.N.

86. Sceat, Series E, ‘plumed bird’ variety (K). 
Weight: 1.21g (18.6gr). 
J.A.D.

87. Sceat, Series E, variety K, BMC 6, North 49. 
Weight: 1.2g (18.5gr). 
Eastry, Kent. February 1995. 
D.H.

88. Sceat, Series E, plumed bird type, imitation of Metcalf J/K, North 49. 
Obv. bird r., in field two crosses pommée and pellets.
Rev. crude standard, with annulet flanked by pellets and four horizontal lines.
Weight: 1.07g (16.5gr).
The obverse design, with the crosses pommée, is inspired by Metcalf's var. J/K, but the rather crude execution and features such as splayed feet, as well as the anomalous decoration of the standard on the reverse suggest that this is an imitation.
M.A.S.B./J.N.

89. Sceat, Series E, secondary variety.
Weight: 1.20g (18.4gr).
Information Roy Owens.
M.A.S.B./J.M.B.

90. Sceat, Series F, BMC 24a, North 61.
Weight: not known (photo only shown BM).
M.M.A.

91. Sceat, 'Saroaldo' type. Holed above head for attachment of suspension loop.
Obv. +SAROALDO.
Rev. devolved standard inscribed FIT/RV; tufa is at left if the inscription is upright.
Weight: unknown (photograph only shown at BM).
This coin is from different dies from the two FIT/RV die-duplicate sceattas from the Aston Rowant hoard. It has a more literate Saroaldo inscription, exceptionally on the obverse, and has an effigy of different style. It is probably earlier in date and adds another findspot north of the Thames.
M.M.A.

92. Sceat, Series G, BMC 3a, North 43, imitation?
Obv. bust r. with cross before face.
Rev. standard with crosses in three corners, the element in the fourth is uncertain; border with a cross on at least one of the sides.
Weight: 0.97g (15.0gr).
Information Roy Owens.
The features are not particularly clear, but from what can be seen of the style of the bust this would appear to be an imitation, suggested by the way that the diadem and the nose meet in a right angle and the rather triangular neck.
M.A.S.B.

93. Sceat, Series G imitation, BMC 3a, North 43.
Weight: 1.03g (15.9gr).
Fitcham with Appleton, Norfolk, site 3481. M/d find, 1995.
J.A.D.

94. Sceat, Series H, BMC 48 (var.).
Weight: 0.97g (14.9gr).
Dunstable, Beds. Found by Mr A.I. Moyle, 1995.
The creatures forming the whirl on this coin are different from the ones normally found on the series (see T&S p. 337) having cat-like heads with ears similar to the lion on the Animal Mask Eclectic group (no. 99 below) also with a Wessex distribution.
M.M.A.

95. Sceat, Series J, 'plumed bird' variety.
Weight: 0.97g (14.9gr).
Congham, Norfolk, site 3566. M/d find, June 1995.
J.A.D.

96. Sceat, Series K, BMC 42a.
Weight and die-axis: not recorded.
Eastrey, Kent, September 1994.
(Not illustrated: photo held in Kent SMR).
D.H.

Obv. 'porcupine' derivative with cross pommée in centre.
Rev. 'Celtic' cross with a rosette of pellets in each angle.
Weight: 1.09g (16.8gr). Die-axis: 0°.
Although this combination of types is 'new', the form of the porcupine is reminiscent of that on other eclectic London-related groups, e.g. T&S 340 and SCBI Hunterian 46.
M.M.A.

98. Sceat, Triquetra Eclectic group, T&S type 8.
Weight: 0.98g (15.1gr). Die-axis: 0° (as shown).
London, south bank of the Thames at Lambeth. Found by Mr E. Taylor, October 1993. (same site as nos 67 and 115).
M.M.A./J.C.

Weight: 1.08g (16.6gr). Die-axis: 225°.
This is the coin drawn in T&S p. 448, lower right.
M.M.A.

100. Sceat, Series N, North 77.
Weight: 1.0g (15.4gr).
Eastrey, Kent, August 1995.
D.H.

101. Sceat, Series N, North 77.
Weight: 0.9g (13.9gr).
Eastrey, Kent, August 1995.
D.H.

102. Sceat, Series N, BMC 41b, North 99.
Weight: 1.0g (15.4gr). Die-axis: 315°.
D.H.
103. Sceat, Series R, Metcalf Gp R3 var. (imitative?), East Anglia, in the name of the Kentish moneyer ‘Epa’.

**Obv.** epX (runic), crude bust r. with triangular neck, ov behind.

**Rev.** standard with central annulet and an oblique stroke in each corner, border with bar and two pellets on each side. Weight: 0.77g (12.0gr), green appearance, presumably fairly base. Die-axis: not recorded.

Ramsholt, Suffolk, SMR ref. RMS014; from the same site as nos 104–5. M/d find, 1995.

The coin has some features of Metcalf’s group R3 (e.g., the triangular pelleted neck and the outer border on the reverse), yet differences in the inscription and the decoration of the standard suggest that it should be classed as a derivative of that group, either from another minting house or of later date. This is supported by its base appearance, since coins of group R3 are normally of relatively good silver.

M.A.S.B./J.N.

104. Sceat, Series R3/type 70 mule (imitative?), in the name of the Kentish moneyer ‘Epa’.

**Obv.** epa (runic), crude bust r. with triangular neck, OV behind.

**Rev.** saltire standard with single pellet in each quarter; border with a ‘tufa’ on each side.

Weight: 0.77g (12.0gr).

Ramsholt, Suffolk, SMR ref. RMS014; from the same site as nos 103 and 105. M/d find, 1995.

This interesting coin copies its obverse from Series R, Metcalf group R3, although the style is anomalous. The reverse comes from type 70, with a small saltire in the standard and the whole enclosed in an outer pelleted circle. However, the form of border, with a ‘tufa’ on each side, is wrong, so that the coin is likely to be a composite imitation, rather than a product of the usual mints of R3 or type 70.

M.A.S.B./J.N.

105. Sceat, Series R, Metcalf Gp R5, East Anglia, in the name of the Kentish moneyer ‘Epa’.

**Obv.** X epa (runic), fine-style bust r., with triangular neck, TT behind.

**Rev.** standard with central annulet and T in two opposite corners and three pellets in the other two; border with ‘tufa’ on one side and three crosses on the others.

Weight: 0.85g (13.1gr). Die-axis: not recorded.

Ramsholt, Suffolk, SMR ref. RMS014; from the same site as nos 103-4. M/d find, 1995.

This specimen of Metcalf’s group R5 is of exceptionally fine style. Some features are derived from its Intermediate phase prototype (Rigold Rlx, which Metcalf attributes to East Anglia, but Blackburn to Kent); see the short crown band, the pellet within each point of the crown, and TT behind the bust presumably inspired by the ITAT variety. Others suggest influence from Metcalf’s R3, which may have been a parallel issue from another East Anglian mint; see X before the inscription and the pellet within the runic ‘e’.

The reverse is as fine as any on coins of Series R, and its inverted T design was subsequently copied on specimens of Metcalf’s group R9 (without any neck), which was perhaps R5’s successor. This would suggest that the Ramsholt find belongs towards the end of the R3 issue, yet from its fine style one could argue that it was early.

M.A.S.B./J.N.


**Obv.** crude bust r., blundered runes (ep?)

**Rev.** standard with two ts and two strokes.

Weight: 0.69g (10.6gr), chipped, Die-axis: 270°.


M.A.S.B./M.J.B.


**Obv.** bust r., runic ‘ep’ in front.

**Rev.** standard decorated with three right angles and an oblique.

Weight: 0.79g (12.2gr), corroded.


M.A.S.B.

108. Sceat, type 70, Series R derivative.

Weight: 1.00g (15.4gr).

Congham, Norfolk, site 25765. M/d find, June 1995.

J.A.D.

109. Sceat, late Series R copy.

**Obv.** crude head facing, r., lines to r. representing runic letters.

**Rev.** square compartment.

Weight: 0.82g (12.7gr).

Burnham Market, Norfolk, site 18496. M/d find, June 1995.

J.A.D.

110. Sceat, English derivative of Series X.

Weight: 0.67g (10.3gr). Die-axis: 90°.


M.M.A.

111. Sceat, Type 51, Metcalf T&S 432.

Weight: 1.04g (16.0gr).


J.A.D.

112. Sceat, Aldfrith of Northumbria (685–704), North c. 730 (685–704), North c. 730.

**Obv.** +ALDFRIDVS (S retrograde).

**Rev.** quadruped, 1.

Weight: 1.23g (18.9gr). Die-axis: 270°.

Bredonham, Norfolk, site 30636. M/d find, 1995.

J.A.D.

113. Sceat, Series Y, Eadberht of Northumbria (757–58), Booth class F var., North 177.
Obv. EOTBERHTVS (lozenge O), cross and pellets within pelleted circle.
Rev. Quadruped r., triquetra beneath.
Weight: 1.01g (15.6gr). Die-axis: 90°.

Stygas

114. Styca, Northumbria, Eanred (c. 810–40), later phase, moneyer, Wulfred.
Obv. +EANRED X (?), cross.
Rev. +VVLFRED, cross.
Weight: 1.03g (15.9gr). Die-axis: 270°.

The coin, which is somewhat worn, is from the same dies as no. 953 in E. Pirie, Coins of the Kingdom of Northumbria, c. 700–867 (1996). The reverse is common to other coins of Reduulf (CKN 951–2, both of which have other obverses) and is also known for the reigns of Eanred (specimen not in CKN) and Æthelred II (CKN 1171); it thus forms critical inter-reign links. The provenance provides the first record of a genuine styca having been found in London.

118. Styca, Northumbria, Æthelred II, North 188, moneyer Eadred.
Obv. +EDILRED REX, pellet in circle.
Rev. +EAN[ ]D, cross.
Weight: 0.97g (15.0gr). Die-axis: 0°.

Gainsborough, south of (near River Trent), Lincs. M/d find, 1995, with no. 114 below.
Information courtesy John Ogden.

M.A.S.B./S.P.D.

Obv. +EDILRED RE[ ] (retrograde, but letters reversed), cross.
Rev. +FORDRED, cross.
Weight: 1.05g (16.2gr). Die-axis: 270°.


M.A.S.B.

120. Styca, Northumbria, Æthelred II, irregular series.
Obv. +EDILRED REX (?), small cross.
Rev. +DLACMV (blundered letters).
Weight: 0.93g (14.4gr). Die-axis: 0°.

M.A.S.B.

123. Styca, Northumbria, irregular series.
Obv. +CVD[ ] (retrograde, letters uncertain), pellet in pelleted circle.
Rev. +XV[ ]RV (retrograde), rosette of pellets.
Weight: 0.50g (7.7gr). Die-axis: 30°.


M.A.S.B./M.J.B.

Obv. +HIDUL, five pellets in form of a cross.
Rev. +RE[ ]ED (second E and D reversed), cross.
Weight: 0.66g (10.2gr).

M.A.S.B.
125. Northumbria, lead weight containing a base 'styca', irregular series, blundered, mid-ninth century; only one side visible.

+VVEIREX? (retrograde, letters mis-formed), central cross.

Weight: 15.99g (246.8gr).


The coin is set in the top of a lead weight of pale brown colour. The lead is rather carefully finished, with a diameter of c. 15.0 mm at the top and bottom, but waisted to c. 14.2 mm in the middle. The coin is set at an angle, so that the height of the weight is 9.7-10.5 mm. It is in excellent condition and thus the original weight must have been close to the present 15.99g (246.8gr). This compares with 20.4g, 18.2g, 15.6g and 10.4g of the other four known weights of this type (see Coin Register 1994, no. 168).

M.A.S.B./M.J.B.

126. Base styca, Northumbria, Uigmund, Phase II, group Ci, Hunlf.

Obv. +VIGMUND.

Rev. +HVNLAF.

Weight: 0.71g (10.9gr).


Same dies as York hoard, no. 179.

C.P.B.

Carolingian Coin

127. Gilt bronze forgery of a Frisian copy of a gold solidus of Louis the Pious.

Obv. + wedge OVVIIIIII /IIVIIIII (second V inverted).

Rev. IVIIYZDIVIVINV (D retrograde, bar through last V).

Weight: 4.06g (62.6gr).

Between Gainsborough and Lincoln. Found by Mr P. Stanley, early 1995.

This is a currency forgery as there is no sign of jewellery fittings.

M.A.

Islamic Coins


Weight: 0.40g.

Claverley, near Bridgnorth, Shropshire. M/d find by Mrs H.S. Bate, c. 1993.

D.J.S.


Weight: 2.78g.


V.P./J.A.D.

Later Anglo-Saxon Coins

130. Offa of Mercia (757-96), Non-portrait type, Group II, North 279.

Obv. +OFFA REX, cross of lobes.

Rev. +BAEH I HARD.

Weight: 1.0g (15.4gr), incomplete. Die-axis: 90°.

Kemsing, Kent, April 1995.

D.H.

131. Offa of Mercia, Heavy issue, Blunt 97, moneyer Ethelnoth.

Obv. M I +OFFA I REX.

Rev. EFH I NOP in lunettes, row of pellets between.

Weight: not recorded (broken). Die-axis: c. 270°.

Corringham, Lines. Found by Mr J. Matthews.

Different dies from die-duplicates BM ex Carlyon-Britton III Sale, Sotheby 11.xi.1918, lot 1604 and NCirc February 1988, no. 130. (Illustrated by a reduction from an enlarged photograph sent to BM.)

M.M.A./J.J.M.


Obv. AEDILHEARD AR I EP.

Rev. EA D-G A-R.

Weight: 1.18g (18.2gr).


Same obv. die as York hoard, no. 179.

C.P.B.

133. Coenwulf (796-821), East Anglian Early Group, BMC 74, North 363, BLS 98/97, moneyer Lul.

Obv. OE++XF large pellet V.VVFL (very rough letters).

Rev. +L V L, each letter in a pelleted leaf in the angles of a cross with a pellet in each triangular cross-end.

Weight: 1.23g (19.0gr). Die-axis: c. 225° as shown.

Wetheringsett, Suffolk. Found in a garden by Mr T. Smith, summer 1995.

Same obv. die as BLS 98.

M.M.A./J.A.D.

134. Coenwulf, East Anglian Group, North -, BLS -, moneyer Wodel.

Obv. COENVVLFREX. Crude profile bust to left, head and hair outlined in pellets.

Rev. +PO. O: E rosette L (L is upside down, O is square; O for d). Letters of the legend within a quatrefoil with a large chevron-barred A in the centre and with no inner circle.

Weight: 1.34g (20.7gr).

Bullford, near Wilts. Found by Mr D. Martin about 1993; shown BM October 1995.

The type with A in the centre of the reverse (but with an inner circle) was known previously only for the moneyer Wihtred (North 375).

M.M.A.


Obv. +CL JVVLF REX M.

Obv. +ERONVVLFR. (+ on bust, rough style).
Rev. +EAR+GAd (chevron-barred A inverted, rough style). Cross pommée in centre.

Weight: 1.25g (19.3gr). Die-axis: 180°.


The reverse type with a simple cross was not previously recorded for the reign.

M.M.A.

137. Wiglaf, Second Reign (830–40), Lunette type, London (unsigned), moneyer Redmund, cf. BLS 3b (different dies).

Obv. +WIG[L]AFREX:M.
Rev. D1 +RED[ ] h.

Weight: 0.83g (12.8gr). Die-axis: 100°.

Bungay, Suffolk. Shown BM August 1995 by Mr Temple.

M.A.S.B.

138. Burgred of Mercia (852–74), Lunettes type a, early group, North 423, moneyer Beagstan.

Obv. +BVRGRED REX.
Rev. NMON (NM ligatured) BEAGSTA (S retrograde) ETA (trefoil of pellets).

Weight: 0.69g (10.6gr), chipped. Die-axis: 180°.


M.A.S.B./M.J.B.


Obv. +NOT A [ ].
Rev. +[ ]ONETA.

Weight: unknown (Illustrated from a reduction of an enlarged photograph sent to BM).

Burgh Castle, Norfolk. Found by Mr S. Allinson at a m/d rally, summer 1995.

M.A.S.B.

141. Æthelstan of East Anglia (c. 824–45), North 440, moneyer Eadnoth.

Obv. +EFCELSTAN R, A (top-barred with contraction bar above).
Rev. +EADNOD MO, cross and four pellets.

Weight: 1.17g (18.1gr), chipped. Die-axis: 270°.


M.A.S.B./S.J.S.

143. Eadmund of East Anglia (855–70), North 456, moneyer Eadmund.

Obv. +EADMVND REX AN. A in centre.
Rev. EADMONV MONE, cross with pellet in each angle.

Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr). Die-axis: 190°.

Quidenham, Norfolk, site 30366. M/d find, October 1995.

J.A.D.

144. Viking (Danelaw) imitation of Ælfred, Two Line type, North 475/1, moneyer Sinun.

Obv. +EL FR ED RE.
Rev. SHIVH:-:-:-/NEFEC-.

Weight: not available. Die-axis: 45°.

Grimston, Norfolk, site 29404. M/d find, September 1995.

J.A.D.

145. St Edmund Memorial, penny, North 483, moneyer’s name devolved from Odulf? Recto.

Obv. +SCVIDTO (retrograde, S on its back). Unbarred A within inner circle.
Rev. ODICFS (F with only one horizontal, S on its back).

Weight: unknown (Illustrated from a reduction of an enlarged photograph sent to BM).

Burgh Castle, Norfolk. Found by Mr S. Allinson at a m/d rally, summer 1995.

M.A.A.
146. St Edmund Memorial, penny, North 483, post-Cuerdale variety, c. 905-20.
Obv: ÆTH [ ] EDELMONETA (HT ligulate),
Rev: +AESTO[L?].
Weight: 0.99g (15.3gr), two fragments, incomplete. Die-axis: 180°.

147. St Edmund Memorial, penny, North 483, c. 895-905, moneyer Ansigar.
Obv: +SC[ ] NIVII, A (chevroned and top-barred).
Rev: +ANSIIDARIO (S uncertain, D reversed).
Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr). Die-axis: c. 0°.
For comparable coins in the Cuerdale hoard see BMC 237, 239.

148. St Edmund Memorial, penny, North 483.
Blundered legends.
Weight: 1.03g (15.9gr), chipped and repaired. Die-axis: 45°.
Fordham, Cambridgeshire.

149. St Edmund Memorial, penny, moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.83g (12.8gr), incomplete.

150. St Edmund Memorial, halfpenny, moneyer uncertain.
Obv: [ ] SCVD[ ] (S on face), A (chevron- and top-barred).
Rev: +SD[ ] JOI (S on face and O filled in), cross.

Obv: +ECGBEARHTREX.
Rev: +BOSELMONETV (V for A).
Weight: 1.33g (20.5gr). Die-axis: 180°.
Winchester, near, Hants. Found by Mr V. Deeprose, September 1993. (Illustrated from a reduction of an enlarged photograph sent to BM).

152. Æcgberht of Wessex, Group III, Portrait/Dorob C type, North 573, Canterbury, moneyer Bosel.
Obv: +ECGBEARHTREX (HT ligulate).
Rev: +BOSELMONETA: three pellets round monogram.
Hursley, Hants. Found by Mr P. Mulholland about 1988. (Illustrated from a reduction of an enlarged photograph sent to BM).

153. Æthelberht (858-865/6), Floriated Cross type, BMC II, North 621, moneyer Dudda.
Obv: +ÆDELBEARHTREX (HT ligulate).
Rev: +DVDAMONETA.
Weight: unknown (mounted coin not suitable for weighing).
Shoreham, Sussex. Found in 1929; shown BM March 1995.

154. Ælfred (871-99), Two Line type, North 638, Canterburry, moneyer Tirwald.
Obv: [ ] FRE DREX.
Rev: +TIRVALDMO.
Weight: 1.5g (23.1gr). Die-axis: 45°.
Higham, near, Kent.

155. Ælfred (871-99), Two Line type, BMC xv, North 639, Winchester style, moneyer Æthelred.
Obv: [ ] FRE DREX.
Rev: +ÆDÆR[ ] HEDMO.
Weight: not recorded, in three fragments. Die-axis: 90°.
The coin is of official style and dates from the mid to late 890s.

156. Viking imitation of Edward the Elder, Horizontal type (HT1), North 649 (part), Southern Danelaw.
Obv: +ÆVDVVEARDREX.
Rev: (trefoil) I EIOIA I+++IBEIOE I (trefoil).
Weight: 1.38g (21.3gr), chipped. Die-axis: 270°.
Norfolk (reputedly). M/d find, 1995 or earlier.

157. Edward the Elder (899-924), Portrait type, BMC iii, North 651.
Obv: [ ] A[ ] EARD R[ ].
Rev: HE[ ]+++/N[ ] (N retrograde).
Weight: 0.84g (12.9gr), incomplete. Die-axis: 180°.

158. Æthelred II, First Hand type, BMC iiia, North 766, York, moneyer Oda.
Obv: +ODA M-O EOFERPIC.
Rev: (trefoil) OEO [ ] (trefoil).
Weight: 1.45g (22.3gr).

159. Æthelred II, Crux type, BMC iiia, North 770, Rochester, moneyer Leofric.
Obv: +ÆDELRED REX ANGLOX.
Rev: +LEOPRIC M-O ROPEC.
Weight: 1.5g (23.1gr). Die-axis: 270°.

160. Æthelred II, Long Cross type, BMC iva, North 774, Chester, moneyer Leofwine.
Obv. ÆDELÆD REX ANGLO.
Rev. +[EO]PPINE M-O LEIG.
Weight: 1.58g (24.3gr). Die-axis: 0°.

J.A.D.

Obv. ÆDELÆD REX ANGLO.
Rev. +SIBCINE M-O LVND.
Weight: 1.55g (23.9gr). Die-axis: 0°.

J.A.D.

Obv. ÆDELÆD REX ANGLO.
Rev. +SIBCINE M-O LVND.
Weight: 0.8g (12.3gr). Die-axis: 90°.
London, River Thames foreshore.

D.H.

163. Æthelred II, Long Cross type, BMC iva, North 774, Rochester, moneyer Ædsige.
Obv. ÆDELÆD REX ANGLO.
Rev. +ÆDSIGE M-O ROFEC.
Weight: 1.45g (22.3gr). Die-axis: 180°.
Congham, Norfolk, site 25765. M/d find, April 1995.

J.A.D.

164. Æthelred II, Long Cross type, BMC iva, North 774, York, moneyer Æsmereda.
Obv. ÆDELÆD REX ANGLO (NG ligatured).
Rev. +ÆSMERLIDA M-O EOFR.
Weight: 1.43g (22.1gr), chipped. Die-axis: 210°.

M.A.S.B./S.J.S.

165. Æthelred II, Long Cross type, BMC iva, North 774, York, moneyer Sumerleda.
Obv. ÆDELÆD REX ANGLO.
Rev. +ÆSMERLIDA M-O EOFR.
Weight: 1.32g (20.4gr), incomplete. Die-axis: 90°.

J.A.D.

166. Æthelred II, lead striking, cut half, Long Cross type, BMC iva, North 774, Oxford, moneyer Ælfwine.
Obv. ÆDELÆD [ ].
Rev. [M-]ÆOF AN/XX.
Weight: 1.32g (20.3gr), lead with white deposit. Die-axis: 210°.
Uncertain findspot; reputedly found at a metal-detector rally at Ickleton, Cambs., where it was first shown to M.J.B., but the chalk deposit suggests that it could have been found on the South Downs near the finder’s home. M/d find, 1995.

This is a fascinating and significant piece. It is from the same dies as SCBI Oxford 554–5, which are official dies of the Oxford mint. The question arises whether it was made by striking a lead flan with these official dies, or it was cast from moulds made by impressing a silver penny into clay or similar material. The irregular die-axis might suggest that it is cast, but against this there is no sign of a joint around the edge, and even under a binocular microscope one cannot see any sign of casting bubbles, although the white chalky deposit does obscure the surface in places. We are convinced by its surface and the deposit that it is an ancient piece, rather than a modern forgery, and on balance we think that it was struck from the original dies rather than cast.

It is difficult to determine what its function was. One would think that it would have been unlikely to circulate as a false penny since it is appreciably thicker than a silver coin and would have weighed about 75% more. On the other hand why else should it have been cut in half, exactly along the reverse cross, unless it was to pass in currency as a halfpenny? It could, of course, have been produced for some non-monetary purpose such as a trial striking or, as Miss Archibald has suggested for similar pieces, a customs check, and only later fraudulently used to pass in change.

M.A.S.B./M.J.B.

167. Æthelred II, Helmet type, BMC viii, North 775, Exeter, moneyer Dulul.
Obv. æDELÆD REX ANG.
Rev. ÆDVIEL MO EAXE.
Weight: 1.1g (17.0gr). Die-axis: 180°.
Higham, near, Kent.

D.H.

168. Æthelred II, Helmet type, BMC viii, North 775, Stamford, moneyer Godwine.
Obv. æDELÆD REX ANG (NG ligatured).
Rev. ÆGVINIE MOISTAN.
Weight: 0.87g (13.5gr), chipped and metal leached. Die-axis: 270°.

M.A.S.B.

169. Cnut, Short Cross type, BMC xvi, North 790, York, moneyer Raefen.
Obv. CNVT REC, three pellets at end.
Rev. ÆRAEFEN ON EOE.
Weight: 0.99g (15.2gr). Die-axis: 270°.

D.J.S./P.J.W.

Obv. HARO LDR, F. X. (slightly double-struck).
Rev. ÆRFFONLVDENEE.
Weight: 0.72g (11.1gr). Die-axis: 90°.
Croughton, Northants. Found by Mr J. Lovell, August 1995.

M.M.A.
171. Harthacnut, cut halfpenny, First Jewel Cross type, BMC i, North 808, Norwich?, moneyer uncertain. Rev. [NE ON NO]. Weight: 0.51g (7.8gr). West Walton, Norfolk, site 258853. M/d find, March 1995.

172. Edward the Confessor, cut halfpenny, Radiate/Small Cross type, BMC i, Lincoln, moneyer uncertain. Weight: 0.48g (7.4gr), incomplete. Stamford Bridge, N. Yorkshire. M/d find, before March 1995.

173. Edward the Confessor, Small Flan type, BMC ii, North 818, moneyer Leofwine. Obv. +EDP:RD R. Rev. +LEOFRED ON LVND. Weight: 0.9g (13.9gr). Higham, near, Kent. There are three possibilities for the moneyer.


177. Edward the Confessor, Trefoil Quadrilateral type, BMC iii, North 817, mint uncertain, moneyer Leofwine. Obv. +EDPERD REX.
Obv. [+EA]DPARD REX ANGL[ ].
Rev. +GODRIC ON LVNDE.
Weight: 1.25g (19.3gr). Die-axis: 0°.
Higham, near, Kent.

D.H.

185. Edward the Confessor, Pyramids type, BMC xv, North 831, Lincoln, moneyer Aelfgeat.
Obv. EADPARD REX A.
Rev. +/ELFGEAT ON LIN.
Weight: 0.98g (15.1gr), perforated by some corrosion.
Die-axis: 90°.

Same dies as SCBI Lincolnshire 787 and BMC 741 (= Mossop pl. 79.25). Mossop recorded three coins of this moneyer and type.

M.A.S.B./S.J.S.

186. Edward the Confessor, Pyramids type, BMC xv, North 831, Tamworth, moneyer Colinc.
Obv. [ ]D REX.
Rev. +COL[ ]LIN[ ].
Weight: not recorded, fragment only.

Only three other coins of this type are known for the Tamworth moneyer Colinc: SCBI 17, 504; SCBI 21, 1094; and F.E.J. 812. This latest find appears to share the same reverse die as the others, but to have a new obverse (see E.W. Danson, 'The Anglo-Saxon and Norman mint of Tamworth', Trans S. Staffs Archaeol. and Hist Soc 11 (1969-70), 32-57 and A. Freeman, The Moneyer and the Mint in the Reign of Edward the Confessor, 1042-1066, BAR British Series 145 (Oxford, 1985), pp. 317-20).

D.J.S./P.J.W.

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Obv. PILLELM - [ ]EX ANGL (sic).
Rev. GODPINE ON NORDER.
Weight: 1.33g (20.5gr). Die-axis: 315°.

J.A.D.

Obv. +PILLELM REX I.
Rev. GODPINE ON LVNDI.
Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr). Die-axis: 270°.

M.A.S.B.

189. William I, Profile/Cross and Trefoils type, BMC VII, North 847, Dover, moneyer Lifwine.
Obv. +PILLELM REX.
Rev. +LIFPINE ON DOFR.
Weight: 1.2g (18.5gr). Die-axis: 90°.
Ripple, Kent, 26 February 1995.

D.H.

190. William I, cut farthing, Profile/Cross and Trefoils type, BMC VII, North 847, Norwich, moneyer uncertain.
Rev. +[ ]IF.
Weight: 0.29g (4.4gr).

J.A.D.

Rev. +PVLFPIENC ON COL. 
Weight: 1.07g (16.5gr). Die-axis: 180°.

M.J.C.

Obv. +PILLELM REX.
Rev. +AE[ ]LIFPINE ON BTFI.
Weight: 1.22g (18.6gr). Die-axis: 90°.
Dover, St Margaret’s Cliff, Kent (or Ripple, Kent). Found by Mr Cranford, August 1995.

An unrecorded moneyer for this type, previously known at the mint for William I, BMC VIII and William II, BMC I.

M.A.A./D.H.

Obv. +HENR[ ]RA.
Rev. +PVLFPIENC ON CNT.
Weight: 1.53g (20.1gr), slightly chipped. Die-axis: 270°.
Hollingbourne, Kent, 9 August 1995.

New moneyer for the type.

D.H.

Rev. +[ ] I[ ]E[ ].
Weight: 0.5g (7.7gr). Die-axis: 0°.
London, River Thames foreshore.

D.H.

Rev. +[ ]IN[ ]E[ ]O(OR D?)[ ].
Weight: 1.13g (17.4gr), incomplete.

J.A.D. 

Obv. +HENRICREX.
Rev. +RADVLFVSONLY.
Weight: 1.22g (18.8gr), snicked. Die-axis: 270°.

M.M.A.
197. Henry I, cut halfpenny, Cross Fleury type, BMC X, North 866, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 0.69g (10.7gr). 
Congham, Norfolk, site 11743. M/d find, March 1995. 
J.A.D.

198. Henry I, Smaller Profile/Cross and Annulets type, BMC XII, North 868, Thetford, moneyer Acus. 
Obv. [+HE]NRICVS[ ]. 
Rev. +ACV[ ]JOR[ ]. 
Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr), snicked. Die-axis: 90°. 
The moneyer was previously known for the reign at the mint in BMC VII, X and XIV. 
M.M.A.

199. Henry I, Pellets in Quatrefoil type, BMC XIV, North 870, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 1.4g (21.6gr). 
Ripple, Kent, 18 February 1995. 
D.H.

200. Henry I, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 0.93g (14.4gr), incomplete. 
Congham, Norfolk, site 25765. M/d find, April 1995. 
(Not illustrated.) 
J.A.D.

201. Henry I, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 1.03g (15.9gr), incomplete. 
West Rudham, Norfolk, site 28131. M/d find, February 1995. 
J.A.D.

202. Henry I, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Rev. [+JAN[ ]. 
Weight: 1.21g, incomplete; has been folded. 
Llanbedrog, Anglesey (Gwynedd). M/d find, spring 1995. 
From the same general area as the coins recorded in BNJ 59, Coin Register no. 75 and BNJ 61, Coin Register nos 116, 118 and 125. Now in National Museum of Wales. 
E.M.B.

203. Henry I, cut halfpenny, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint and moneyer uncertain (possibly Winchester, Sait). 
Rev. [+JON[ ]. 
Weight: 0.68g (10.5gr). Die-axis: 0°. 
Heybridge, Essex. M/d find, 1995, from spoil heaps of Elms Farm excavation. Details made available in advance of publication by kind courtesy of Essex C.C. Field Archaeology Group and Bovis Homes plc. The coin was examined by Mr D. Walker. 
M.J.C.

204. Henry I, cut halfpenny, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint uncertain, moneyer—wulf. 
Obv. [+HENRIC[ ]. 
Rev. [+PVLF[ ]. 
Weight: 0.73g (11.2gr). Die-axis: c. 270°. 
Information Roy Owens. 
M.A.S.B.

205. Stephen, cut halfpenny, Cross Moline type, BMC I, North 873, London, moneyer Baldwine? 
Obv. [+FNE RE[ ]. 
Rev. [+JAL[ ]VN[ ]. 
Weight: 0.57g (8.8gr). Die-axis: 270°. 
(Not illustrated.) 
M.A.S.B.

206. Stephen, Cross Moline type, BMC I, North 873, Winchester or Stamford, moneyer Siward. 
Rev. [+IPARD.ON[ ]. 
Weight: 1.05g (16.2gr). 
C.P.B.

207. Stephen, cut halfpenny, Cross Moline type, BMC I, North 873, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Inscriptions illegible. 
Weight: 0.66g (10.2gr). 
(Not illustrated.) 
M.A.S.B./J.N.

208. Stephen, cut halfpenny, Cross Fleury type, BMC VI, North 879, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Rev. [+ST[ ]. 
Weight: 0.51g (7.8gr). 
M.J.C.

209. Stephen, cut halfpenny, Cross Fleury type, BMC VI, North 879, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Obv. [+ST[ ]. 
Rev. [+JON[ ]. 
Weight: 0.54g (8.3gr). 
Newmarket, near, Suffolk. M/d find, 1995. From the same field as no. 210, but found some 100 yards apart. 
M.A.S.B.

210. Stephen, cut halfpenny, Cross Fleury type, BMC VI, North 879, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Obv. [+RE[ ]. 
Rev. [+JON[ ]. 
Weight: 0.62g (9.5gr). 
Newmarket, near, Suffolk. M/d find, 1995. From the same field as no. 209, but found some 100 yard apart. 
M.A.S.B.
211. Stephen, cut farthing, Cross Fleury type, *BMC* VI, North 879, Thetford, moneyer uncertain. 
*Rev.*: [ ]ON:[T].
Weight: 0.29g (4.4gr).
The Thetford is the only "T" mint within the south-eastern region in which type VI was struck.
(Not illustrated.)

*Obv.*: [EFS].
*Rev.*: [N:N?].
Weight: 1.34g (20.7gr).
Sibton, Suffolk, SMR ref. SBT005. M/d find, 1995. The inscription is uncertain. The mint name may begin with an N (for Norwich or Nottingham), but it could be IV (for Ilchester) or R (for Castle Rising or Rye).

*Obv.*: only parts of letters including EX of REX visible.
*Rev.*: + of plain engraved, not punched and seriffed form; rest of legend illegible.

214. Stephen, cut farthing, Flag type, North 919. 
*Rev.*: [ETS].
Weight: 0.29g (4.4gr).

*Rev.*: M:MA:[ ]EF.
Weight: 1.31g (20.2gr).
The class of bust cannot be determined, but Willem Ma is only known from coins of class A.

*Obv.*: +HENR[ ].
*Rev.*: [ON:LI].
Weight: 1.36g (21.0gr).

217. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, class F, North 961, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
*Obv.*: [EN].
*Rev.*: [N-ON-] .
Weight: 0.34g (8.3gr).

218. Henry II, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 1.29g (19.9gr).

Weight: 1.23g (18.9gr).

220. Henry II, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 1.04g (16.0gr).
Narborough, Norfolk, site 3908. M/d find, May 1995.

221. Henry II, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
*Rev.*: [ARD].
Weight: 1.37g (21.1gr).

222. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, North 952-61, Thetford, moneyer uncertain. 
*Rev.*: [ON:TH].
Weight: 0.53g (8.1gr).

223. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
*Rev.*: [JON:LI].
Weight: 0.56g (8.6gr).
Cougham, Norfolk, site 30754. M/d find, March 1995.

224. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint and moneyer uncertain. 
Weight: 0.50g (7.7gr).
(Not illustrated.)

225. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint uncertain, moneyer Roberd? 
*Rev.*: [BERD].
Weight: 0.62g (9.6gr).
West Walton, Norfolk, site 18646. M/d find, September 1995.
Rev. [\( ]DE.\[\]\[\]
Weight: 0.24g (3.7gr).
Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire (Dyfed).
This coin and no. 227 were among 24 specimens dating from the 12th to the 16th centuries found by the Pembrokeshire Prospectors in March-April 1995 during an organised search of the line of a new link road north of Haverfordwest, centred on SM948161. The reporting of the coins for recording in Cardiff was coordinated by Mr Roy Lewis. No obvious archaeological features had been found, so it would appear that the area may have been the site of a market or fair during much of the Middle Ages.

E.M.B.

Rev. [\( ]EL[\]\[\]
Weight: 0.28g (4.3gr).
Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire (Dyfed).
From the same site as no. 226.

E.M.B.

228. Henry II, cut farthing, Tealby type, North 952-61, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.23g (3.5gr).
Ketteringham, Norfolk, site TG 10 SE 208. M/d find, October 1995.
(Not illustrated.)

J.A.D.

229. Henry III, cut halfpenny, Long Cross type, class lb, Bury St Edmunds.
Obv. [\( ]CVS. REXIII[\]\[\]
Rev. [\( ]ICTAED (ED ligulate).
Weight: not known.

G.T.D.

230. Henry VI, cut half-groat, Annulet coinage, York.
Weight: 0.89g (13.7gr).
The cut is a sharp chisel cut, but has corrosion spots, so appears to be old.

N.G.R.

Weight: 0.31g (4.7gr).
Court at Street, near Ashford, Kent. M/d find by Mr J. Smith, 1995.

N.G.R.

Continental Sterlings

Weight: 1.26g (19.4gr), chipped.
(Not illustrated.)

M.J.C.

233. Hainaut, John of Avesnes (1280-1304), Valenciennes, Mayhew 30 var.
Weight: 1.39g (21.4gr).
As Mayhew 30, but no apostrophe after ENS.

M.J.C.

234. Hainaut, John of Avesnes (1280-1304), Valenciennes, Mayhew 32.
Weight: 0.98g (15.1gr).
Henley in Arden, Warwicks. Found c. 1967 by Mr D. Crocker whilst walking along SE side of Beaudesert Castle, and donated to Birmingham City Museum in 1971.
(Not illustrated.)

D.J.S.

235. Hainaut, John of Avesnes (1280-1304), Valenciennes, Mayhew 32.
Weight: 0.77g (11.8gr), incomplete.
(Not illustrated.)

S.P.D./J.N.

236. Hainaut, John of Avesnes (1280-1304), Mons, Mayhew 34.
Weight: 1.29g (19.9gr).
(Not illustrated.)

J.A.D.

237. Brabant, John I (1261-94), Mayhew 43.
Weight: 1.18g (18.3gr).
Watlington, Norfolk, site 32435. M/d find, September 1995.
(Not illustrated.)

J.A.D.

238. Brabant, John I, Mayhew 44.
Weight: 0.89g (13.7gr), incomplete.
North Creake, Norfolk, site 30866. M/d find, October 1995.
(Not illustrated.)

J.A.D.

239. Looz, Arnold V (1279-1323), Mayhew 59.
Weight: 1.01g (15.6gr).
West Rudham, Norfolk, site 28131. M/d find, February 1995.
(Not illustrated.)

J.A.D.

240. Morey, Gaucher of Chatillon (1313-22), Mayhew 250.
Weight: 0.67g (10.3gr).
(Not illustrated.)

_N.G.R._

Weight: 0.62g. Die-axis: 190°.

_European Coins_

242. France, Philip IV (1285–1314), gros tournois
(with two Ps), à l’O long. Lafaurie 218.
Weight: 2.30g (35.5gr), worn and chipped.

243. France, Philip IV (1285–1314), maille tierce a 1’
O rond, Lafaurie 223 var., Duplessy 219B.
Obv. (outer): BNDICTV-SIT-NOME-DNI (stops, three
pellets).
Weight: 1.25g. Die-axis: 45°.

Weight: not recorded.
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwick. M/d find by Mr J.
Warren.

245. Brittany, Jean IV (1345–99), billon demi-blanc.
cf. Poey d’Avant 833.
Weight: 1.39g.

246. Brittany, anonymous billon double (‘black
Rev. _MONETA BRITA[_ ]._
Weight: 1.59g.
Stanfield/Beetley, Norfolk, site 30600. M/d find, 1995.

Poey d’Avant 948.
Weight: 2.49g.

Poey d’Avant 5691.
Weight: 1.19g.
Coin identified by Mr A. Holmes.

249. Valence, denier, 12th cent.? Poey d’Avant 4690.
Obv. +VRBS VALENTI[AL, angel.

_Rev. +SAPOLLINARS (O lozenge-shaped), cross with
annulet in fourth quarter.
Weight: 1.13g. Die-axis: 110°.

250. Brabant, Philip the Good (1419–67), double
Weight: 2.58g.
Lakenheath, near, Suffolk. M/d find, 1995. Information
Roy Owens.

251. Brabant, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double
Weight: 3.03g.

252. Flanders, Bruges, petit denier.
Weight: 0.28g.

253. Flanders, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double
patard, Bruges, Van Gelder and Hoc 23-3.
Weight: 2.50g, incomplete.
(Not illustrated.)

254. Flanders, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double
patard, Bruges, Van Gelder and Hoc 23-3.
Weight: 2.87g.
St Donats, South Glamorgan. M/d find, June 1995.
(Not illustrated.)

255. Flanders, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double
patard, Bruges, Van Gelder and Hoc 23-3.
Weight: 1.61g, incomplete.
(Not illustrated.)

256. Flanders, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double
patard, Bruges, Van Gelder and Hoc 23-3.
Weight: 2.22g, clipped.
(Not illustrated.)

257. Flanders, Philip the Fair (1482–1506), demi-
patard, Van Gelder and Hoc 63-5.
Weight: 1.54g, chipped.

Weight: 1.55g.
259. Louvain, Philip the Fair, Duke of Burgundy, double patard.
Weight: 1.50g, fragmentary.
West Walton, Norfolk, site 25853. M/d find, 1995.
(Not illustrated.)
B.J.C./J.A.D.

Weight: 0.48g (7.4gr), fragment.
(Not illustrated.)
B.J.C./J.A.D.

261. Westphalia, Abbey of Corvey, anonymous 13th century Pfennig.
Weight: 0.97g (14.9gr).
B.J.C./J.A.D.

262. Mecklenburg-Gustrow, Johann Albrecht II (1610–36), Doppelschilling.
Weight: 1.73g.
B.J.C./J.A.D.

263. Gelderland, Koevorden, Renaud III or IV, kopchen, 14th century.
Weight: 0.36g.
B.J.C./J.A.D.

Weight: 1.38g.
B.J.C./J.A.D.

265. Portugal, Alfonso V (1438–81), silver chinhaço.
Weight: 0.95g, clipped.
B.J.C./J.A.D.

266. Portugal, Alfonso V (1438–81), silver chinhaço.
Weight: 0.74g (11.2gr), severely clipped.
Carhampston, near Dunster, Somerset. M/d find by Mr Gordon Stone, July 1995.
The coin appears to have been clipped down to circulate as a penny of the 12 gr. standard which was current 1464–1526.
M.A.S.B.

267. Portugal, Alfonso VI (1656–83), silver meio tostão.
Weight: not recorded.
Flowton, Suffolk, SMR ref. Fl. W008. M/d find, 1995 from the same site as the coin of Charlemagne (Coin Register 1994, no. 170).
M.A.S.B./J.N.

268. Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, silver 2-reales (after 1497), Seville.
Weight: 3.31g, clipped.
J.A.D.

269. Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, silver ½-real, Toledo.
Weight: 1.24g, worn.
Coddendenham, Suffolk. find spot recorded on Suffolk SMR. M/d find, 1992.
(Not illustrated.)
M.A.S.B./J.N.

270. Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, silver ½-real, after 1497.
Weight: 1.25g, cracked and worn.
M.A.S.B.

271. Italy, Otto I, II or III (962–73, 973–83, 983–1002), Pavia, CNI IV, pl. XI, 9–11.
Obv. +IMPETOR, OITTIO.
Rev. outer inscription illegible, PALMA.
Weight: 0.88g (13.6gr), clipped.
M.A.S.B./J.N.

Weight: not recorded (worn and broken).
Willerby, North Humberside (find spot recorded at Hull Museums). M/d find by Mr J. Stocks, 1995.
(Not illustrated.)
M.A.S.B.

273. Livonian Order, silver artiger, c. 1350–90, Reval (Tallinn), Molvögin type 6.
Obv. +NAGIS[TRI + LIVONIE], shield of the Livonian Order, nothing above shield.
Rev. +[MONETA + RE]VALIE, cross with three pellets in each angle.
Weight: 0.48g (7.4gr), fragment. Die-axis: 45°.
Knapwell/Elsworth, Cambs. (same site as no. 188, above). M/d find, 1995.
B.J.S.

274. Norway, Haakon V (as king, 1299–1319), penníng, Bergen mint, Ahlström, Brekke and Hemmingsson no. 41.
Obv. HAIQV [I], cross fleuretée.
Rev. +MONETA BE[ISR], around B'.
Weight: 0.89g (13.7gr). Die-axis: 140°.
M.A.S.B.
Other Finds

275. Trial piece for a forger's die?
A square sheet of lead, \( 32 \times 33 \)mm, thickness 2mm, weight 17.63g.
One side bears the impression of a groat, of Henry VI (1422-61), with design in relief, apparently an impression made by a die. Legend, HENRIC REX[ ]. There is a single tiny hole (an alignment mark?) outside the border. The reverse carries a scored circle 29mm in diameter.
J.A.D.

Weight: 2.05g.
J.A.D.

Weight: 1.85g.
J.A.D.

Corrections to Coin Register 1994

116. Rigold BIB, not BII.
120. Series BZ, not B.
122. Series R, Metcalf group 9, moneyer 'spi', die-duplicate of SCBI Mack 324; not Series C, 'apa'.
124. Series R, Metcalf group 8, crude 'ep'; not Series C, 'Lepa'.
125. Series R, Metcalf group 4; not Series C.
M.A.S.B.
PLATE 20

SHARP: JACOBITE AND ANTI-JACOBITE PIECES
PLATE 25

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