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BM British Museum
CCI Celtic Coin Index
M/d Metal-detector
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Celtic coins

Note: As in 1995 and 1996, large numbers of Celtic coins were again reported during 1997. The list that follows is therefore selective, concentrating on the publication and discussion of rare and new types.

   This coin shares its obverse die with the British E stater published in Coin Register 1996, BNJ 66, no. 17. The reverse, though from a different die, again lacks the two rings below the horse.
   M.J.C./P. de J.

   From the same obverse die as the original Waldingfield stater. These two coins bring the total known to four.
   C.R./P. de J.

   J.A.D.

   Plating intact on reverse, approximately half present on obverse.
   M.J.C./P. de J.

   J.A.D.

   A variant on the usual Atrebatic stater which in some respects displays stylistic elements more commonly found on north Thames coinage, in particular the form of the horse.
   C.R./P. de J.

   The reverse is struck off-centre, thus revealing for the first time the legend above the horse, and confirming the traditional attribution to Tasciovanus.
   M.J.C.

   Although attributed to the Atrebates by Van Arsdell, all the provenanced examples in the Celtic Coin Index come from the north Thames region. The style of the horse, and in particular its ears, and the groove running up in front of the chest to the junction of head and neck, are also strongly reminiscent of other north Thames coinages.
   P. de J./D.J.H.

9. British, quarter stater, new type (CCI 97.2332). Obv. central cross in ring, from which project four spokes each ending in a pellet in ring; in each quarter thus formed, a teardrop motif with a crossbar at the top (outer) edge; between each teardrop and spoke, a pellet. Pellet border around the whole.
   Rev. horse r., 'open' head similar in style to Iceniann boar/horse silver units; numerous short strokes for mane, similar strokes on tail; pellet below tail, pellet in ring below horse; various uncertain arcs around the design.
   Weight: 1.04g.
   One previous example is recorded in the Celtic Coin Index, from a near identical obverse but with a different style of horse on the reverse; it was found at Gisleham in Suffolk, and published in Coin Register 1991, BNJ 61, no. 70. The reverse clearly indicates some familiarity with the mainstream Iceniann coinage, but the geometric design on the obverse bears little resemblance to traditional Iceniann styles.
   J.A.D./P. de J.

    One of two examples recorded from Kent in 1997, bringing the total known to five. The attribution of this type remains very unclear.
    D.J.H./P. de J.

    Weight: 5.5g. Kent.
    Nine unprovenanced examples of this type were recorded in the Celtic Coin Index during 1996–1997, doubling the previously known number. The evidence suggests that a hoard of this type was found in Kent, probably in 1995 or 1996, at a location as yet unknown.
    P. de J./D.J.H.
12. ‘Cantii’, stater of Dubnovellaunus, VA 169-1, 
*BMCl* A 2492 (CCI 97.1695).
Rev. [DVNOVALLAVNOS
Weight: 5.5g.
Sutton, Kent. M/d find by Mrs D. A. Ediger, donated to 
Dover Museum.
D.J.H./P. de J.

13. ‘Cantii’, silver unit, new type (CCI 97.0142).
Obv. head r., large ear, four pellet in ring motifs at back 
of head and a torc around the neck.
Rev. Pegasus r., pellet in ring to left and right of 
wing and below the horse.
Weight: 1.04g.
Rochester, near, Kent. M/d find.

One of four examples recorded in the Celtic Coin 
Index during 1997, bringing the total known to seven. 
The obverse is closely related to the Kentish 
uninscribed bronze type VA 154-9 (*BMCl* 2488), and 
indeed may be the same hand (compare for 
example the 
bronze unit illustrated by Chris Rudd, 1997 list 26, no. 
13).

P. de J.

(CCI 97.1832).
Obv. CAR in plain border.
Rev. eagle facing, head turned to its left, triangle of 
pellets to its left.
Weight: 0.22g.

A previously unrecorded type, presumably of 
Caratacus.

P. de J/C.R.

15. Silver unit, new type, possibly of ‘Atrebates’ (CCI 
97.0038).
Obv. head l., large curl of hair curves up in front of 
forehead, large pellet in front of prominent lips.
Rev. horse stepping r., left foreleg raised, both forelegs 
bifurcated above the knee. Pellet in ring below horse, 
sunburst (*BMCl flower j*) above.
Weight: 1.14g.

The provenance is difficult to reconcile with the style 
of the coin, which seems to have more in common with 
south Thames issues – notably the presence of the 
flower above the horse, recalling the Atrebatic 
uninscribed quarter staters (British QC). In fact a 
fragmentary example from the same reverse die was 
also recorded in 1997, from Slindon in West Sussex, 
and on balance the evidence points to a southern origin.

P. de J/C.R.

16. ‘Trinovantes’, quarter stater of Addedomaros, VA 
1638-1 var., *BMCl* A 2424 (CCI 97.1835).
Rev. [ADDEDOMAR]OS
Weight: 1.4g.
Stock, near, Essex. M/d find at Essex Detector Society 
Rally, 1997.

Variant with wheel beneath the horse, rather than 
box. There are six examples of each in the Celtic Coin 
Index.

P. de J.

17. ‘Trinovantes’, silver unit of Dubnovellaunus, VA 
1663-1 (CCI 97.1865).
Rev. [DVNOVALLAVNOS
Weight: 1.2g.
Braughing, Hertfordshire. M/d find, 1990s.
D.J.H./P. de J.

18. ‘Trinovantes’, bronze unit of Dubnovellaunus, VA 
1667-1, *BMCl* A 2445 (CCI 97.1906).
Obv. [DVNOVILL
Rev. DV
Weight: 2.35g.
Whitfield, near, Kent. M/d find.

The type is mistakenly listed by *BMCl* (2445) as 
silver. The reading of the reverse legend is not certain; 
interpretation of the obverse legend is confirmed by the 
best preserved example amongst the seven known, from 
Saham Toney in Norfolk.

P. de J/D.J.H.

19. Bronze unit, new type, perhaps of ‘Trinovantes’ 
(CCI 97.1099).
Obv. ?horse 1., head turned back clutching its tail in its 
mouth; large pellet in ring below.
Rev. horse r., large pellet in ring below; ‘waterspout’ 
motif above, other pellets around.
Weight not known.

One of two examples from the Elms Farm site; the type 
is also recorded from Braughing in Hertfordshire, and 
near Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. It seems to belong to a 
fairly extensive group of early bronze coins from the 
north Thames region, also including the Evans G12 type, 
which all bear some stylistic resemblance to Belgic types.

M.J.C./P. de J.

20. ‘Catuvellauni’, silver unit of Andoco, VA 1868-1, 
*BMCl* A 2018 (CCI 97.1867).
Obv. A
Rev. ANDOCO
Weight: 0.9g.
Braughing, Hertfordshire. M/d find, 1990s.

P. de J.

21. ‘Catuvellauni’, bronze unit of Andoco, VA 1871-1, 
*BMCl* A 2019 (CCI 97.1868).
Obv. ANDOCO
Rev. ANDOCO
Weight: 2.0g.
Braughing, Hertfordshire. M/d find, 1990s.

P. de J.

22. ‘Catuvellauni’, silver unit of Cunobelin, VA 1918-1 
(CCI 97.2327).
Obv. CAMVL
Rev. CVNO
Weight not known.
The fifth example of this type recorded in the Celtic Coin Index, and the only provenance in addition to that of the first example, found at Colchester in 1936. It is certainly a silver unit (as listed by Mack), not a quarter stater (as indicated by Van Arsdell and Allen); the source of this mistake is unclear, but it appears to have been simply a misidentification by Allen. Allen did note that the type had more in common with the silver and bronze coinage (Britannia 6 (1975), p. 2).

P. de J.

23. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobelin, VA 2051-1, BMCIA 1868 (CCI 97.2109).
Obv. CVNO
Rev. CAMV
Weight: 1.0g.
Fingringhoe, Essex. M/d find by Mr. C. Behn, 1996.

P. de J.

24. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobelin, new type (CCI 97.2107).
Obv. CAMVL in central panel with incurved short edges; pellet border.
Rev. seated figure 1., holding amphora; around, [C]VNOBE
Weight: 1.20g.
Fingringhoe, Essex. M/d find by Mr. C. Behn, 1996.

P. de J.

25. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit, BMCIA 1899 (CCI 97.1258).
Obv. AGR
Rev. AGR
Weight: 1.27g.
Great Burstead, Essex.

The attribution of this type remains uncertain. It may perhaps belong to the short period between Cunobelin's death and the conquest of AD 43.

P. de J.

26. 'Iceni', silver half-unit, BMCIA 3256 (CCI 97.1219).
Weight: 0.57g.
Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. M/d find.

P. de J.

27. 'Corieltauvi', plated stater, class M, VA 825, cf. BMCIA 3181 (CCI 97.2335).
Weight: 4.76g.

The coin appears to be silver-plated.

P.J.W.

Weight: 1.3g.
Ulceby Cross, Lincolnshire. M/d find.

P. de J.

29. 'Corieltauvi', scyphate quarter stater, cf. BMCIA 3192 (CCI 97.1360).
Weight: 1.4g.
Market Rasen, near, Lincolnshire. M/d find.

The large 'S' on the reverse is here reversed, unlike the seven examples in the British Museum; a similar reverse was published by J. May, 'The earliest gold coinages of the Corieltauvi' in M. Mays (ed.), Celtic Coinage: Britain and beyond (Oxford, 1992), p. 117, no. 1599.

P.J.W./P. de J.

30. 'Corieltauvi', scyphate quarter stater, cf. BMCIA 3193 (CCI 97.1351).
Weight: 1.4g.
Kirmington, Lincolnshire. M/d find.

P. de J.

Weight: 1.3g.
Caistor, near, Lincolnshire. M/d find by Mr. M. O'Bee.

P. de J.

32. 'Corieltauvi', silver unit, class I, VA 864-1, BMCIA 3213 (CCI 97.1313).
Weight: 1.5g.
Kirmington, Lincolnshire. M/d find.

P. de J.

33. 'Corieltauvi', plated stater of VEP, VA 905-1, BMCIA 3276 (CCI 97.2336).
Rev. VEP
Weight: 5.30g.

Only the eighth VEP stater recorded in the Celtic Coin Index, and the fifth plated.

P.J.W./P. de J.

34. 'Durotriges', silver half-unit, cf. BMCIA 2784 (CCI 97.1231).
Weight: 0.35g.
Shapwick, Dorset.

Probably a half-unit from the series traditionally known as the Hampshire thin silver type, the attribution of this group remains uncertain, but a number of recent discoveries from Chichester suggest that its origins lie to the east of the Durotriges, perhaps in the hinterland of the Solent.

P. de J.

Greek coins

Obv. head of Herakles, left.
Rev. stag, right; ΣΣ Λ, above and below.
Weight: 1.97g.

J.A.D./A.M.

*Obv.* head, right; *EON ZYN - KAHTON*

*Rev.* head, right; *6EON (monogram) - [ ]*

Weight: 3.12g.

J.A.D./A.M.

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Said to be a single find from a site producing other unspecified Roman coins in Cornwall.

M.J.C.

38. Nero, as, Lyon *RIC* 543, with countermark ‘PR’. 

Weight: 11.1g. Die-axis: 180°.


M.J.C.


*Obv.* illegible

*Rev.* octastyle temple, traces of lettering in field left


Although the obverse is completely lost, octastyle temples are sufficiently rare on Roman coins to make the identification reasonably sure.

D.J.S./A.B.

40. Carausius (286/7–93), silver denarius, *RSR. RIC* 571.

*Rev.* ([REN]OVAT RVMANO (sic))

*Obv.* [A unbarred], quadruped right looking backwards, two pellets in field.


*RIC* 571 notes the variant spelling of ‘Romano’, but there is no specimen in Shiel.

M.J.C.

41. Silver denier, Jublains (cani. Bais, Mayenne), moneyer Dunbertus, Belfort 1736–7 vac., late 7th/early 8th cent.

*Obv.* + [DIA][B? [JVI (A unbarred), quadruped right looking backwards, two pellets in field.

*Rev.* DVNBERTVS, cross-on-steps, pellets in angles.

Weight: 1.17g (18.1gr). Die-axis: 0°.


A related coin was found in the Plassac hoard (dep. c. 705).

M.A.S.B.

42. Sceat, Series PaIII, *BMC* 3, North 153. Pada, imitative? 

Weight: 1.0g (15.4gr), holed.


D.J.H.

44. Sceat, Series Bx.

Weight: 0.76g (11.7gr), large fragment.


(Illustration 2:1.)

M.J.C.


Weight: 0.82g (12.6gr).


J.A.D.


Weight: 1.1g (17.0gr).

Brook, Kent. M/d find by Mr D. Ritchie, December 1996.

D.J.H.


Weight: 1.24g (19.1gr).

Narford, Norfolk. M/d find, December 1996.

J.A.D.


Weight: 1.16g (17.9gr).


M.J.C.
55. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, McEachern var. A.
Weight: 0.77g (11.8gr), incomplete.
Fransham, Norfolk, site 29217. M/d find, March 1997.
J.A.D.

56. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, McEachern var. G.
Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr).
J.A.D.

57. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, McEachern var. G.
Weight: 1.01g (15.6gr).
J.A.D.

Weight: 0.99g (15.3gr).
Bawsey, Norfolk, site 25962. M/d find, November 1996.
J.A.D.

59. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, McEachern var. G.
Weight: 1.19g (18.4gr).
Narford, Norfolk. M/d find, December 1996.
J.A.D.

60. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, North 155, Ethelraed.
Weight: 1.23g (18.9gr).
J.A.D.

61. Sceat, Series E, BMC 4, North 155, Ethelraed.
Weight: 1.09g (16.8gr).
Tuddenham, Suffolk. M/d find, December 1996.
J.A.D./S.M./M.J.C.

62. Sceat, Series E, Aston Rowant variety, VICO.
Weight: 1.10g (17.0gr).
C.P.B.

63. Sceat, Series E, Aston Rowant variety, VICO derivative.
Not weighed.
C.P.B.

64. Sceat, Series E, Hallum variety.
Weight: 1.10g (17.0gr).
C.P.B.

65. Sceat, Series E, variety J.
Weight: 1.15g (17.7gr).
M.J.C.

66. Sceat, Series E, possibly Kloster Barth phase.
Weight: 1.21g (18.6gr).

67. Sceat, Series E, porcupine.
Weight: 0.96g (14.8gr).
Tivetshall St Mary, Norfolk. M/d find, November 1997.
J.A.D.

68. Sceat, Series E, later porcupine.
Weight: 1.02g (15.7gr).
East Rudham, Norfolk. M/d find, October 1997.
J.A.D.

69. Sceat, Series E, later porcupine.
Weight: 0.71g (11.0gr).
Grimesby, near, Humberside. M/d find by Mrs A. Wright, 1997.
E.W.D.

70. Sceat, Series E, VICO, variety 2, type 4, North 45.
Weight: not recorded.
Tuddenham St Mary, Suffolk (site recorded on Suffolk SMR). M/d find by T. Hensby, November 1997. Photo 110% of scale.
S.M./J.N.

71. No coin.

72. Sceat, Series E, SEDE variety, type 89 (formerly 4 var), North 47.
Obv. development of the ‘porcupine’ design, in which the body of the porcupine curls into a nearly full circle around the middle of the coin, with a mouth at one end and a pellet between its jaws. A cross pommée within the circle and ‘porcupine quills’ without.
Rev. +SEDE arranged cruciform around a central cross, with four crosses between letters; pelleted inner circle, zigzag design in outer border.
Weight: 1.07g (16.5gr).

This is the third coin of this type to be discovered, the others are illustrated in T&S, p. 246 (and no. 263), and p. 682. They are all from different dies, and seem to form two distinct groups. This new find and the coin at T&S p. 682 are fairly similar, but the coin at T&S p. 246 has a left-facing ‘porcupine’ on the obverse, pellets-within-annulets instead of crosses between letters on the reverse, and traces of a blurred legend in the outer border of the reverse. The legend ‘SEDE’ has long aroused confusion, but it may well come from sedes, used in Anglo-Latin for ‘episcopal see’, in which case the coin would be an ecclesiastical issue. This idea will be developed further elsewhere.
M.A.S.B./S.M.

For further finds from this site see M.J. Bonser, ‘Fifteen years of coin finds from productive sites’, The Yorkshire Numismatist 3 (1997), at p. 41.
A.I.J.A.
73. Sceat, Series F, North 62. BMC 24b
Weight: not known.
Newton Flotman, Norfolk, site 31048. M/d find, 1996.

74. Sceat, Series J, BMC 36, North 134.
Weight: 1.04g (16.0gr).
Brough, Nottinghamshire, SK843585. M/d find by S. Cartlidge, April 1996.

75. Sceat, Series K, BMC 32a, style C-D, East Kent type.
Weight: 1.16g (17.9gr).
Congham, Norfolk, site 3565. M/d find, June 1997.

76. Sceat, Series L, BMC 15a.
Weight: 0.95g (14.6gr).
Braughing, Herts. M/d find.

77. Sceat, Series Q, BMC -.
Weight: 0.83g (12.8gr).

78. Sceat, Series R.
Weight: 0.86g (13.2gr).

Weight: 1.06g (16.3gr).

Weight: 1.16g (17.9gr).

Weight: 0.82g (12.6gr).

82. Sceat, eclectic, possibly related to Series K, Q (and Y?) wolf head/fantastic beast.
Obv. wolf head right with long tongue curling below and ear above, prominent mane in four lines behind head; serrated border; similar to Series K, type 33.
Rev. fledgeling-like beast, open-beaked, with long claws, running right; tail (or tongue rising behind and from below) knotted above in a triquetra (half-hitch) with triple-forked end; pellet border with vestigial outer border visible above; similar in concept to Series Q, linear type, but differs in execution.
Weight: 1.1g (17.0gr). Die-axis: 180°.

Metcalf suggests that Series Q commenced with eclectic types of which this may be one more, though the monster with a knotted, triple-forked tail seems pure invention unless copied from some artefact other than a coin. For further finds from this site see BNJ 56 (1986), p. 91 nos 117 and 118, and more comprehensively M.J. Bonser, ‘Fifteen years of coin finds from productive sites’, The Yorkshire Numismatist 3 (1997), at p. 42.

83. Sceat, ‘Moneta Sanctorum’ type.
Obv. MONITASCORVM+, diademed bust right
Rev. ‘Porcupine’ bust in circle of pellets, off-flan
Weight: 1.10g (16.9gr).
Farnborough, Kent. Found by Mr Payne near Saxon church, 1997.

84. Sceat, Northumbria, Eadberht, Group Ai.
Weight: 1.00g (15.4gr).

85. Sceat, Northumbria, Eadberht, Group Bii.
Weight: 0.92g (14.2gr).

Stycas

86. Northumbria, Æthelred I, base silver styca; Phase 1a, moneyer Tiduulf.
Weight: 0.93g (14.3gr).
Hutton Rudby, North Yorkshire. Found by K. Simmons, August 1997.

87. Northumbria, Eanbald II, base silver styca; Phase 1a, moneyer Edilweard.
Weight: 1.06g (16.3gr).
(Not illustrated.)

88. Northumbria, Eanred, base styca; Phase II, group Cii, moneyer Fordred.
Weight: 1.04g (16.0gr).
89. Northumbria, Eanred, base styca; Phase II, group C, moneyer Monne; die-duplicate of CKN 1618.
   Weight: 0.86g (13.2gr).
   Sherburn, North Yorkshire. M/d find by N. Hopper, October 1997.

90. Northumbria, Æthelred II, first reign, base styca; irregular, Phase II, group C, moneyer Earduulf.
   Weight: 1.09g (16.8gr).

91. Northumbria, Æthelred II, first reign, base styca; irregular, Phase II, group C, moneyer Brother.
   Weight: 0.90g (13.9gr).
   (Not illustrated.)

92. Northumbria, Æthelred II, first/second reign, base styca; Phase II, group C, moneyer Hunlaf.
   Not weighed.
   (Not illustrated.)

93. Northumbria, Æthelred II, second reign, base styca; Phase II, group C, moneyer Eanred; die-duplicate of CKN 1542.
   Weight: 0.91g (14.0gr).

94. Northumbria, Æthelred II, second reign, base styca; Phase II, group C, moneyer Monne; die-duplicate of CKN 1167.
   Not weighed.
   (Not illustrated.)

95. Northumbria, time of Æthelred II, base styca; Phase II, group D, moneyer Earduulf; die-duplicate of CKN 1944.
   Not weighed.

96. Northumbria, time of Æthelred II, base styca; irregular, pairing two obverse dies; Phase II, group D, moneyer Earduulf.
   Weight: 0.58g (8.9gr).

   Weight: 1.16g (17.9gr).

98. Northumbria, base styca, irregular, uncertain legends.
   Weight: 1.28g (19.8gr).
   Grimsby, near, Humberside. M/d find by D.A. Wright, 1996.
   A second probable styca, completely featureless, was found on a separate occasion some way away in the same field.
   (Not illustrated.)

Carolingian coins

99. Charlemagne, denier, class 3, c. 793/4-812, Mainz, M&G 92, MEC 1,741.
   Obv. +CARL(part of V)RF; Karolus monogram.
   Rev. 1 [part of GONTIA; cross.
   Weight: 0.97g (14.9gr), incomplete. Die-axis: 105°.
   Wymondham, Norfolk, site TG00SE 211.
   The similarity in style with the Charlemagne/Mainz denier illustrated M&G pl. IV, 93 confirms the attribution of this coin to Mainz. Note the inversion of the letters FR on the obverse.
   J.C.M./J.A.D.

100. Louis the Pious, denier, class 3, c. 822-40, M&G 472.
    Obv. +HLVDGVVICVSIMP (VD ligatured).
    Rev. +PISTIANARELICIO (R in 'gamma' form).
    Weight: 1.50g (23.1gr). Die-axis: 100°.
    Burnham Market, Norfolk, site 18496.
    Simon Coupland, 'Money and coinage under Louis the Pious', Francia 17 (1990), 23-54, does not attribute the style of this coin to any particular mint. The VD ligature is unusual.
    J.C.M./J.A.D.

101. Louis the Pious (814-40), cut quarter of a gold solidus, M&G 515, MEC 1.750-1.
    Obv. DNHL[V Y, ties and back of head of bust right.
    Rev. INVM, fragment of cross within wreath tied with ribbons.
    Weight: 1.16g (17.9gr). Die-axis: 0°. Specific gravity: 17.49 (87% gold).
    In his die-study of the solidi of Louis the Pious and their imitations, Grierson traced some thirteen official solidi and more than 70 imitations. P. Grierson, 'The gold solidus of Louis the Pious and its imitations', JMP 38 (1951), 1-41; reprinted with comments and additions in P. Grierson, Dark Age Numismatics
(London, 1979), art. XXII). Since then the number of imitations has grown considerably, but few if any official solidi have come to light. Although the present find is not from any of the four known pairs of dies, it has all the hallmarks of an official coin. Such of the legend as is on the cut quarter is entirely literate in well formed letters, but the bust appears to be in a refined style with a neatly tied diadem, and the ribbon on the wreath which is just visible curls as on the official coins. These stylistic judgements are supported by the fineness, 87% gold, which is comparable to other official solidi that have been analysed, while imitations tend to range in fineness down from c. 75% gold. The regular die-axis also points in the same direction. While in the case of a cut quarter it is difficult to be certain that this is an official piece rather than a refined imitation, the evidence points in that direction, in which case this is the first official solidus to have been recorded as a find from Britain.

The added interest of this Lincolnshire find is the very fact that it has been cleanly cut with a chisel into as exact a quarter as one could hope to achieve. The solidus was struck to a standard of c. 4.4g, so that a quarter would weigh 1.1g which compares with this piece's weight of 1.16g. It was intended then for economic rather than ornamental use, and probably not merely as a weight of gold, but as a quarter mancus (IV/IA). In England we are familiar with cut halfpennies and farthings, but these came into use only in the late tenth century. The present coin was minted in the first quarter of the ninth century and shows no signs of wear, but even if it remained as a store of wealth for decades, are we really to think that it was more than 150 years old when cut to this size, or does it indicate a much earlier practice of quartering such exceptional coins?

**Islamic coins**

106. Samanid dirham of Nasr bin Ahmad (AH 301-32/AD 913-42), mint of Ma'dan.

Weight: 2.64g, holed.

Coltishall, Norfolk. M/d find, December 1996.

V.P./J.A.D.

107. Contemporary imitation of an Islamic dirham, Viking period.

Weight: 2.60g.


V.P./J.A.D.

**Later Anglo-Saxon coins**


Obv. OFFA / REX in two lines

Rev. +EDEL / VALD in two lines

Weight: 1.2g (18.5gr). Die-axis: 0°.

Teynham, Kent. M/d find by Mr A. Belsom, August 1996.

D.J.H.


Obv. OFFA REX ('Rex' retrograde, cf. BMC 9)

Rev. +EAL R Ed

Weight: 1.26g (19.4gr).


(illustration 2:1.)

M.J.C.
The errors with obverse and reverse legend have arisen from inaccurate copying of a coin such as Blunt 88 (Lockett 35). Thus in ‘Offa’ the E comes from an F with two pellets at its base, while in ‘Deinmund’ the inverted L comes from an I and pellet, the n from an M, and the reversed N from a normal N. Similar errors are occasionally found on other Canterbury coins of the Heavy Coinage, e.g. Ethelnoth (Blunt 100).

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

111. Offa of Mercia, Group III, North 326, moneyer Ethelnoth.

Obv. M[ ]
Rev. -E-[- ]

Weight: 0.32g (5.0gr), fragment. Die-axis: 0°.

Thompson, Norfolk, site 31365. M/d find, March 1997.

J.A.D.

112. Offa of Mercia, Light coinage, East Anglian mint, moneyer Gethiriad.

Obv. +OFFA+REX; cross potent on two steps
Rev. OE ΩE LR Ed in the angles of a cross-crosslet, with lozenge centre containing a large pellet within a circle of pellets.

Weight: 1.12g (17.2gr). Die-axis: 0°.


Shown BM, September 1997; Dix Noonan Webb, 26 November 1997, 102. Similar to BNJ 62 (1992), Coin Register no. 255, but with cross potent instead of cross pattée on the obverse and a circle of pellets in the central lozenge instead of a cross. The reverse designs also closely linked with an Offa portrait type of the same moneyer (BMC 25) which has both a cross and a circle within the central lozenge. Also closely related are no. 113 below and Coin Register 1992, no. 255, from the same pair of dies. These have a similar cross on steps obverse, but the reverse cross consists of a large pellet within a circle of pellets at each corner of a lozenge, with a pellet and circle within the central lozenge.

There are thus four different but related reverse designs (including the portrait type), and two similar cross on steps obverse designs, one known from two different dies, including the present coin. So many variations on this theme from such a small number of examples suggests that this may have been quite a substantial coinage.

G.W./P.J.P.-M.

113. Offa of Mercia, Light coinage, East Anglian mint, moneyer Oethelred.

Obv. +OFFA+REX; cross pattée on two steps
Rev. OE ΩE LR Ed in the angles of a cross of five pelleted circles, each containing a pellet. Central pellet enclosed by lozenge, the points of which meet the outer circles.

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

Monkton, Kent. M/d find by Mrs C. Webber, August 1997.

Uncatalogued type, but same type and dies as BNJ 62 (1992), Coin Register no. 256. See also above, no. 112.

D.J.H.


Obv. CENECRED REGINA
Rev. E OBA on leaves of quatrefoil
Weight: 1.07g (16.5gr), Die-axis: 45°.


P.J.P.-M.


Obv. CENNVLF / REX / M (N reversed, uncial M), trefoils either side of M.
Rev. PE-NDV-VIN-E (NS reversed), ‘standing cross’, i.e. a Latin cross on beaded shaft, enclosed by a line which meets and becomes an outer border, beyond which there is a beaded circle.

Weight: 1.36g (21.0gr). As found, two edges were bent (see photo), but these were subsequently straightened professionally. Die-axis: 160°.


This bold reverse design is quite novel in Anglo-Saxon coinage. The sense of a standing cross is conveyed effectively by the overall composition, with the lettering of the moneyer’s name wrapped around it, and by the emphasis given by the enclosing line. The moneyer Pendwine was previously known only for Coenwulf’s Tribrach type (BLS Cn 17), and the occurrence of this early coin, transitional from Offa’s Three Line type, allows us to attribute it to London, since at this period the Canterbury and East Anglian mints were in the control of local rulers.

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


Obv. COENVLF / REX / M (for Coenwulf rex M), in three lines.
Rev. IBBA between arms or tribach.


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


Obv. + CO-ETHVLF / R-EX (starting at 6 o’clock), around central uncial M
(abbreviation mark above).
Rev. SIGE-B/E/R-HT; small cross in beaded inner circle.

Weight: not recorded.


This reverse type is otherwise unrecorded for Phase 1 of Coenwulf’s coinage, which generally has various forms of Tribach design (BLS Cn 5-22, North 342). A similar
cross in a beaded inner circle is used at Canterbury as an obverse type for coins of Cuthred of Kent (BLS Cd 9, North 207/1). If, as has been suggested (MEC 1, p. 288), Coenwulf’s coins precede those of Cuthred, then this coin anticipates the design subsequently used by Cuthred. The use of uncial Es in the reverse legend is also an unusual feature not found on other coins, although uncial Ds, Hs and Ms do occur.

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

Obv. [ ]VVLF[ ]; head right  
Rev. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ], retrograde letters  
Weight: 0.49g (7.5gr), fragment.  

J.A.D.

119. Ceolwulf I of Mercia, similar to BMC 113, North 380.  
Obv. +CIOLVVLFREXMERCI / OR / V, the last three letters in the field within the inner circle, divided by a tall cross.  
Rev. +OBADOROBERNIA, cross-crosslet with pellet in each angle, within the inner circle.  
Weight: 1.29g (19.9gr). Die-axis: 270°.  
G.W.

120. Kent, anonymous regal issue c. 822–3, BLS An5, North 221, Canterbury, moneyer Sweferd.  
Obv. +SYVEFNERD MONETA  
Rev. +|DORO| BERNIA | CIVITAS | S  
Weight and die-axis: not recorded.  
Same dies as BLS An5.  
M.J.B./J.C.M.

121. Baldred of Kent (c. 823–5), North 220, Canterbury, moneyer Diormod.  
Obv. +BELDRED REX CA[ ]; diadem ‘bonneted’ head right.  
Rev. +DIO[R]MOD MONET; DRVR CITS in inner circle.  
Weight: 1.025g (15.8gr), chipped. Die-axis: 0°.  
This is the twentieth coin recorded from this site. Since 1985, a relatively small area has produced thirteen sceattas and six pennies, leading to its interpretation as a Middle Saxon market site. See P.J. Wise and W.A. Seaby, ‘Finds from a new productive site at Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire’, Trans. Birmingham and Warwicks. Archaeol. Soc. 99, 57–64.  
P.J.W.

Obv. +WLFRED ARCEPS  
Rev. +SPEHVVRD MON  
Weight: 1.3g (20.0gr). Die-axis: 45°.  
Waldershare Park, near Dover, Kent. M/d find by Mr G. Neaves at Pure Gold rally, 21 September 1997. Photograph by courtesy of Spink & Son Ltd.  
D.J.H.

123. St Edmund Memorial, penny, mid-issue, c. 905–10, North 483, pl. 7, 22, moneyer Berner.  
Obv. +SC EA[ ]NV[ ], top-barred A surrounded by three annulets.  
Rev. +[ ]RNERA (unbarred A), cross and four annulets.  
Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr), bent, broken and repaired, incomplete. Die-axis: 90°.  
M.A.S.B./M.J.B./J.C.M.

124. St Edmund Memorial, penny, North 483.  
Obv. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
Rev. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
Weight: 0.50g (7.7gr), fragment.  
Congham, Norfolk, site 3565. M/d find, January 1997.  
J.A.D.

125. Edward the Elder (899–924), East Anglian issue.  
Obv. +EAVD[ ]  
Rev. | | JEON | |  
Weight: 0.58g (8.9gr), fragment.  
Bawsey, Norfolk, site 25962.  
J.A.D./M.M.A.

126. Wessex, Alfred, Lunette type, var. d, BMC 1c, North 628, moneyer Cialulf.  
Obv. +EALBRED | REX  
Rev. MON | CIALVLF | ETA, divided by two lines with hooked ends.  
Weight: 0.95g (14.6gr), dark patina, slightly oxidised. Die-axis: 170°.  
Girton, Cambs. Found March 1997 by Mr R.V. Jeffries during garden work at Hick’s Lane, some 30 cm below the surface.  
J.C.M.

127. Eadred, Bust Crowned type, CTCE 227, North 715, Lincoln, moneyer Are.  
Obv. +EADRED REX, crowned bust right.  
Rev. ARE: HINCOIA CIVIT: (N reversed), small cross pattée.  
Weight: 1.04g (16.0gr), chipped. Die-axis: 270°.  
M.A.S.B./M.J.B.
128. Eadgar, Bust Crowned type, CTCE 376, North 750, uncertain East Anglian mint, moneyer Bruninc. 

*Obv.* +EADGAR REX, crowned bust right. 
*Rev.* +BRENG Monetae, small cross pattée. 

Weight: 1.35g (20.8gr), chipped. Die-axis: c. 180°. 


Same dies as SCBI/Br British Museum V, 1175. Photo 115% of scale. 

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

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129. Penny, Bust Crowned imitation (probably of Eadmund or Eadred, cf. North 704, 713, CTCE p. 197, no. 266, p. 198, no. 243), moneyer Fredoard (Fredhard). 

*Obv.* +E( up-side down)RDCV(R?)IC (part of V?)[...] (the Cs are square); crowned and draped bust breaking the legend, to the left. 
*Rev.* +FREDOARDAO[... ]IT; small cross. 

Weight: 0.95g (14.6gr), broken, incomplete. Die-axis: 330°. 

Holme-on-Sea, Norfolk, site 21668. 

This should be considered an imitation of a pre-reform issue, because i) the bust is breaking the legend (even if it is to the left as on the re-form issue); ii) there is no mint-name; iii) Fredhard is only known to have struck for Athelstan (Blunt, BNJ 42, p. 127, no. 318), Eadmund and Eadred. The blundered obverse legend has remnants of both of the two latter names. The second A on the reverse (without a stroke) is probably a blundered M of MONETA. Imitations of the Crowned Bust type are rare (CTCE pp. 207-10; Blunt, BNJ 42, pp. 131-3). 

Identified by Mark Blackburn and Jens Moesgaard, Fitzwilliam Museum. 

J.A.D.

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130. Edward the Martyr, North 763, Lincoln, moneyer Goding. 

*Obv.* +EADPARD REX ANGLO 
*Rev.* +GODING M-O LINDL 

Weight: 1.30g (20.0gr). Die-axis: 0°. 


M.J.C.

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*Obv.* +EADPARD REX ANGLO 
*Rev.* +ÆDELRED M-O LV 

Weight: 1.01g (15.6gr). Die-axis: 45°. 


J.A.D.

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132. Æthelred II, First Small Cross type, BMC i, North 764, Thetford, moneyer Leofthegen. 

*Obv.* +ÆDEL|R|ED REX ANGL 
*Rev.* +LEOF|DEGEN ON DEDF 

Weight: 1.63g (25.1gr). Die-axis: 0°. 

Thompson, Norfolk, site 31365. M/d find, 1997. 

J.A.D.

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*Obv.* +Æ[ ] REXANGLORX 
*Rev.* [ ]IFRIC M-O LVN[ ] 

Weight: 1.2g (18.5gr), chipped. Die-axis: 270°. 

St Nicholas-at-Wade, Kent. M/d find by Mr C. Bradshaw, October 1996. 

D.J.H.

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134. Æthelred II, First Hand type, BMC ii, North 766, Norwich, moneyer Manning. 

*Obv.* +ÆDELRED REX ANGLOX 
*Rev.* +MANNING M-O NORDPI 

Weight: 1.57g (24.2gr). Die-axis: 0°. 


J.A.D.

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135. Æthelred II, First Hand type, BMC ii, North 766, Thetford, moneyer Osferth. 

*Obv.* ÆDELRED REX ANGLO 
*Rev.* +OSFERD M-O DEOTFO 

Weight: 1.60g (24.7gr), chipped and broken. Die-axis: 180°. 


S.M.

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136. Æthelred II, cut halfpenny, First Hand type, BMC ii, North 766, Lewes?, moneyer uncertain. 

*Obv.* [ ]ITAL[ ]ERP[ 

Weight: 0.68g (10.5gr). Die-axis: 180°. 


J.A.D.

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137. Æthelred II, cut halfpenny, Second Hand type, BMC iiid, North 768, uncertain mint, moneyer Godwine. 

*Obv.* [ ]ED[ ]GLOX 
*Rev.* GODPIN[ ] 

Weight: 0.61g (9.4gr). Die-axis: 225°. 

West Acre, Norfolk, site 31168. M/d find, November 1996. 

J.A.D.

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138. Æthelred II, cut halfpenny, Second Hand type, BMC iiid, North 768, mint and moneyer uncertain (?Byrhisige). 

*Obv.* [ ]RE|ED REX A[ ] 
*Rev.* (BYRHSIGE?) – lettering blurred. 

Weight: 0.64g (9.8gr). Die-axis: 45°. 


J.A.D.

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139. Æthelred II, Crux type, BMC iiia, North 770, mint and moneyer uncertain (missing). 

Weight: 0.45g. 


Only the area within the inner circle is present, the outer part having been broken (or perhaps cut) away. Another similar example, from Dorset, was published in BNJ 63 (1993), Coin Register no. 215 (same type, with outer part removed). This perhaps increases the likelihood that this central portion of the coin was used in jewellery. 

J.A.D.

141. Æthelred II, cut farthing, Long Cross type, *BMC* iva, North 774, uncertain mint, moneyer ...fstan. Rev. [ ]OSTAN [ ] Weight: 0.33g (5.2gr). Gainsborough, near, Lincs., same village as nos 141 and 150 and as Coin Register 1996, no. 213 (more precise find spot confidentially). M/d find before 1995. (No photo of reverse.)

142. Æthelred II, cut farthing, Long Cross type, *BMC* iva, York, uncertain moneyer. Rev. [ ]EOFR (pellet in the O) Weight: 0.34g (5.3gr). Gainsborough, near, Lincs., same village as nos 141 and 150 and as Coin Register 1996, no. 213 (more precise find spot confidentially). M/d find before 1995. (No photo of reverse.)


150. Cnut, cut farthing, Short Cross type, *BMC* xvi, North 790, Stamford, uncertain moneyer. Obv. [ ]STA Rev. [ ]STA Weight: 0.21g (3.2gr). Gainsborough, near, Lincs., same village as nos 141–2 and as Coin Register 1996, no. 213 (more precise find spot confidentially). M/d find before 1995. (No photo of reverse.)

151. Harold I, cut farthing, Fleur de lis type, North 804, mint and moneyer uncertain. Obv. [ ]L[ ]D R+ Rev. [ ]/[NCOL[?]L]? (NC ligatured), trefoil of pellets in the angles. Weight: 0.26g (4.0gr). West Hythe, Kent, same find spot as *BNJ* 1985, p. 73. M/d find, November 1991. Despite its distinctive features, this coin has defied identification. The obverse has an unusually short form of 'rex'. The reverse is of the variety with a trefoil of pellets rather than the more common fleur de lis. The reverse inscription may represent a moneyer's name ending in 'inc' or the Lincoln mint signature ('Lincol').


153. Edward the Confessor, cut halfpenny, Radiate/Small Cross type, *BMC* i, var. a, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Obv. +EDPERD RE:
Rev. +PVLFRIC ON LVE
Weight: 0.7g (10.8gr). Die-axis: 270°.
Waldershare Park, near Dover, Kent. M/d find by Mr C. Perks at Pure Gold rally, 21 September 1997.
D.J.H.

155. Edward the Confessor, PACX type, BMC iv, North 813, Chester, moneyer Snell.
Obv. +EDRAR -DEC+
Rev. +SN ELON LEGE CES (second E and C of mint name are rounded)
Weight: 1.15g (17.7gr). Die-axis: 270°.
Worcestershire, eastern; precise find spot recorded confidentially. M/d find by Mr D. Crawford, 1990s.
This appears to be the first PACX coin of Snell to be discovered, filling a gap in his career, which extends from Quatrefoil to Radiate Small Cross.
D.J.S./A.B.

156. Edward the Confessor, Expanding Cross type, BMC v, North 820, Thetford, moneyer Leofric.
Obv. +EDPARD RE
Rev. +LOFRIC ON BEODE
Weight: 0.99g (15.2gr). Die-axis: 90°.
J.A.D.

157. Edward the Confessor, cut halfpenny, Expanding Cross type, heavy coinage, BMC v, North 823, Colchester, moneyer Stanmaer.
Obv. +ED [ ] REX:
Rev. +STAN [ ] LEE:
Weight: 0.8g (12.4gr). Die-axis: 0°.
Barham, Kent. M/d find by Mr G. Pettit, April 1997.
D.J.H.

Obv. [ ] RX ANGLO
Rev. +PVL [ ] EFOR
Weight: 0.67g (10.3gr). Die-axis: 90°.
Same dies as a specimen in the British Museum (exhibited by Elmore Jones, BNF 25 (1945-48), p. 100).
M.A.S.B.

159. Edward the Confessor, Hammer Cross type, BMC xi, North 828, Lincoln, moneyer Ælfnoth.
Obv. +EWRD RE:
Rev. +ÆLFNOHD ON LINCO
Weight: 1.30g (20.0gr). Die-axis: 45°.

Byzantine coins

160. Phocas (602-10) or Heraclius (610-41), Carthage, copper 20 nummi, Carthage, MIB II pi. 36, no. 98, pi. 57, no. 12; or MIB III, p. 17, no. 235.
Obv. bearded bust facing.
Rev. XXXE, KRT[ ] in exergue.
Weight: 4.36g.
Based on the drawings one cannot identify the coin firmly. Stray finds of Byzantine coins may be modern rather than early medieval losses.
M.A.S.B./S.P.D./S.M.

Scandinavian coins

Weight: 5.82g.
Kelling, Norfolk. M/d find, April 1997. J.A.D.

Same dies as Skaare nos. 18 1-n; same obv. die as nos. 18 a-k; same rev. as no. 80 a. These coins have finenesses ranging between 16% and 28% silver, and they are thus thought to belong to the latter part of Harald's reign. Skaare records some 257 coins of the Triquetra type struck from at least 106 obverse and 126 reverse dies. Some 95% of them have illegible legends, and cannot be attributed to a specific mint.

Two other specimens of this Triquetra type have been found in the British Isles, both in the Scandinavian settled Scottish Isles: Dunrossness (Shetland) hoard c. 1844 and an excavation find from Udal, North Uist, 1970 (Skaare, p. 178). This is the first specimen recorded from England, and its base silver and light weight compared with contemporary Anglo-Saxon pence would not have made it an attractive coin to pass in circulation. But it does fit into a pattern of a small scattering of eleventh-century Scandinavian coins that have been found in the eastern parts of the Danelaw (M. M. Archibald, 'Against the Tide: Coin-Movement from Scandinavia to the British Isles in the Viking Age', NNF-Nytt, 1991.1, 13-22). One should
therefore resist the temptation to associate its loss with Harald Hardrada's abortive invasion of England and defeat at Stamford Bridge in 1066.

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

Post Conquest coins

163. William I, cut halfpenny, Profile/Cross Fleury type, BMC I, North 839, Derby?, moneyer uncertain. 

Obv. [ ] REX A  
Rev. [ ] DO ON DIO[ ]  
Weight: 0.59g (9.1gr). 

J.A.D.

164. William I, cut halfpenny, Two Sceptres type, BMC IV, North 844, mint and moneyer uncertain. 

Obv. +PIL[ ]  
Rev. [ ] MVN ON[ ]  
Weight: 0.51g (7.8gr). 
West Acre, Norfolk, site 30820. M/d find, March 1997.  

J.A.D.

165. William I, cut halfpenny, Two Stars type, BMC V, North 845, mint and moneyer uncertain. 

Rev. [ ] JIRI[ ]  
Weight: 0.41g (6.3gr), incomplete. 

J.A.D.

166. William I, cut halfpenny, Two Stars type, BMC V, North 845, mint and moneyer uncertain. 

Rev. [ ] JINE ON[ ]  
Weight: 0.45g (6.9gr). 

J.A.D.


Rev. +AFP[ ] O LENDON (?)  
Weight: 1.34g (20.6gr). Die-axis: 315°. 
Congham, Norfolk, site 25765, M/d find, 1997.  

J.A.D.


Rev. +PILPINE ON LVN  
Weight: 1.30g (20.0gr). Die-axis: 270°. 
Cranwich, Norfolk, site 1039, M/d find, October 1997.  

J.A.D.


Rev. +ÆGELRIC ON NORDI  
Weight: 1.30g (20.0gr). Die-axis: 0°. 
West Wickham, Cambs., 1997.  

M.J.C.


Obv. +HENRI REX  
Rev. +THVRED O NOR[ ]  
Weight: 1.17g (18.0gr). Die-axis: 180°. 

J.A.D.


Rev. +ORDGAR ON LVNDE  
Weight and die-axis: not recorded. 
Cranford, Middlesex. M/d find by Mr M. Hough, June 1997.

From different dies than the only other known specimen (W.H. Pheatt collection, Buckland Dix & Wood, 21 March 1995, lot 682).  
(Not illustrated.)  

P.J.P.-M.


Rev. GODPINE ON N[ ]  
Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr). 

J.A.D.


Rev. +[ ] N:OXINF  
Weight: 1.25g (19.3gr), snicked. Die-axis: 270°. 

Same reverse die as SCBI 12, no. 217.  

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


Rev. +GODPINE ON WA[ ]  
Weight: 1.3g (20.0gr). Die-axis: 90°. 
Waldershare Park, near Dover, Kent. M/d find by Mr T. Davies at Pure Gold rally, 21 September 1997.  
(Not illustrated.)  

D.J.H.

175. Henry I, Full Face/Cross Fleury type, BMC X, North 866, mint and moneyer uncertain. 

Rev. +PI[ ] M[ ] IIIO:(?)  
Weight: 1.42g (21.9gr). 

J.A.D.

176. Henry I, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, uncertain mint, moneyer Willom.  

Obv. [ ] CVS  
Rev. [ ] JREMEMO[ ]  
Weight: 1.36g (21.3gr). Die-axis: 180°. 
Kirby Cane, Norfolk. M/d find, January 1997.  

J.A.D.

177. Henry I, Quatrefoil on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, Lincoln, moneyer Aslac. 

Obv. [ ] ICV[ ]  
Rev. [ ] SLAC:ON:N[ ]  

J.A.D.
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Weight: 1.10g (17.0gr). Die-axis: 310°.

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

178. Henry I, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 1.24g (19.1gr), incomplete.

J.A.D.

179. Henry I, cut halfpenny, Quadrilateral on Cross Fleury type, BMC XV, North 871, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.69g (10.5gr)
Kelling, Norfolk. M/d find.

J.A.D.

180. Stephen, Cross Moline type, BMC I, North 873, Warwick?, moneyer Everard (?).
Obv. ST[ ]N RE[ ], very flat.
Rev. + EVI [ ]
Weight: 1.31g (20.2gr), broken. Die-axis: 0°.

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

Weight: 0.47g (7.2gr), fragment.
Narford, Norfolk. M/d find, November 1996.

J.A.D.

182. Stephen, cut halfpenny, Cross Moline type, BMC I, North 873, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.97g (14.9gr).

J.A.D.

Obv. +[ ][ ]
Rev. +PAEN:ON[ ]-N[ ]EPIC
Heveningham, Suffolk (site recorded on Suffolk SMR).
M/d find, 1997.

This coin is important for, if the attribution to Dunwich proposed here is accepted, it provides not only a new moneyer for the mint, but also a fuller form of the mint signature which confirms its relatively recent identification. However, since the mint name is here incomplete (-N.EPIC, with probably two letters missing), the attribution requires some deduction.

Of the four mints of Stephen with names ending '-wic', Ipswich (Gipeswic) and Norwich (Northwic) can be discounted, since neither could have N or NE preceding the '-wic' element. Sandwich (Sandwic) has mint signatures SAN, SAND, SANDP, SANPI, etc. but never with an E after the N. Dunwich (Dunewic), on the other hand, does naturally have an E and recorded mint signatures are DV, DVN, DVNE. DVN.EPIC would be the fullest and best form, and this is what we appear to have here.

Paen is not recorded as a moneyer for Dunwich, but is presumably the same individual as the prolific moneyer at nearby Ipswich in Stephen types I and II. Only three coins of Dunwich in type II appear to be known, one in the Pushkin Museum, Moscow, of Thurstan (BNJ 1968, p. 31) and two from the Wicklewood hoard in the BM, a cut halfpenny of -R (Roger?) and a cut farthing without moneyer's name. For type VI, Wicklewood provided the names of four Dunwich moneyers, and so it would not be surprising to find a new moneyer such as Paen operating in type II.

Before the discovery of the Wicklewood (Norfolk) hoard in 1989, the coins now given to Dunwich had generally been attributed to Durham (Dunholm), although Peter Seaby had already tentatively suggested the reattribution. The 1989 hoard provided very persuasive find evidence for the mint being East Anglian, and the mint signature on the present coin with the full '-wic' ending provides welcome written confirmation.

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

184. Stephen, Cross Fleury type, BMC VI, North 879, Dunwich, moneyer Henri.
Obv. +STIEFNE
Rev. +H[ENRI:ON]DVNE
Weight: 1.28g (19.8gr). Die-axis: 135°.

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

185. Stephen, Cross Fleury type, BMC VI, North 879, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 1.30g (20.0gr).

J.A.D.

Obv. +IOH[ ]EDE[ ]
Rev. +IAN[ ]L
Weight: 1.02g (15.8gr). Die-axis: 180°.
Saxted, near Framlingham, Suffolk. M/d find by Mr N. Grey, August 1997.

Shown at BM, November 1997. The only other specimen to date was discovered at Bottisham, Cambs. (see note to BNJ 64 (1994), Coin Register no. 281, a BMC VI of Iohan of Bedford). Sold Dix Noonan Webb, 26 November 1997, 117. Photograph by courtesy of Patrick Finn.

P.J.P.-M.

Obv. [ ]HAM[ ]ON[ ]
Rev. [ ]
Weight: 0.92g (14.2gr). Die-axis: 0°.

J.A.D.
188. Stephen, Cross Pommée type, BMC VII, North 881, mint uncertain, moneyer Rodbert?
Rev. +ROD[ ]ON: [ ]
Weight: 1.21g (18.6gr), incomplete. Die-axis: 225°.

189. Stephen, Cross Pommée type, BMC VII, North 881, mint uncertain, moneyer Rodbert?
Rev. +ROD[ ]ON: [ ]
Weight: 1.21g (18.6gr), incomplete. Die-axis: 225°.

Weight: not recorded.
Irnham Hall, Lincolnshire. M/d find by A. Watkins, September 1994, during rally. (Not illustrated.)

191. Henry II, Tealby type, bust A, uncertain mint, moneyer Rogier?
Rev. +ROG(?)[ ]ON: [ ]
Not weighed.

192. Henry II, Tealby type, cut halfpenny, bust A?, uncertain mint (Hereford or Northampton?), moneyer Stefne.
Rev. [ ]EFNE ON[ ]
Weight: 0.51g (7.9gr), clipped.

193. Henry II, Tealby type, bust D?, Canterbury, moneyer Wiulf?
Rev. +W[ ]ON:CAN[ ]
Weight: 1.37g (21.1gr). Die-axis: 0°.

194. Henry II, Tealby type, class D or E, North 958-60, Ipswich, moneyer Nicole.
Obv. [ ]HENR[ ]
Rev. [ ]NICOLE[ ]
Weight: not recorded.
Badingham, Suffolk (site recorded on Suffolk SMR). M/d find, 1997.

Weight not recorded.
Copston Magna, Warwickshire. M/d find by Mr M. Miles, Autumn 1996.

196. Henry II, Tealby type, class E or F (?), North 960-1, mint starting with L (London, Lincoln, or Lewes), moneyer uncertain.
Rev. [ ]N[ ]L[ ]
Weight: 1.45g (22.4gr), broken.

Rev. +PERES[ ]VND:
Weight: 1.38g (21.3gr).

198. Henry II, Tealby type, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Obv. illegible (worn): the coin has been folded with obv. outwards
Rev. [ ]LRA[ ]
Weight: 1.23g (18.9gr), broken but complete.

199. Henry II, Tealby type, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Obv. illegible (worn): the coin has been folded with obv. outwards
Rev. [ ]LRA[ ]
Weight: 0.51g (7.8gr), fragments.
Elmhurst, Staffs. M/d find by Mr A.J. Southwell, winter 1997/98.
(Not illustrated.)

Rev. [ ]ND:0[ ]
Weight not recorded.
Brandish, Suffolk (site recorded on Suffolk SMR). M/d find, 1997.

Weight: 0.8g (12.3gr), chipped.

Weight not recorded.
Brandish, Suffolk (site recorded on Suffolk SMR). M/d find, 1997.

Although the inscriptions are illegible and little of the bust can be made out, the very distinctive cross and crosslets, narrow and without scufis, enable the coin to be attributed to a small group of so-called 'irregular' coins within class C. These are discussed by Allen in BMC Henry II, p. xxvi and illustrated on pl. XIV, 19 and pl. XV, 1–2. It is not possible to tell whether this coin has the thin inner circle on the obverse characteristic of this group.
Rev. +EDJ JV:
Weight: 0.60g (9.2gr). Die-axis: 0°.

204. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, a late specimen (bust D–F), mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.43g (6.6gr).

205. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.59g (9.1gr).
Ilketshall St Margaret, Norfolk. M/d find, 1997. J.A.D.

206. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.54g (8.3gr).
Narborough, Norfolk, site 3942. M/d find, January 1997. J.A.D.

207. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: not recorded.

208. Henry II, cut halfpenny, Tealby type, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Weight: 0.51g (7.8gr).

212. Henry II, cut farthing, Tealby type, uncertain class (not A), North 953–61, mint and moneyer uncertain.
Obv. chin and mantle of facing bust.
Rev. [ 10[ ].
Weight: not recorded.

Obv. corroded
Rev. RELG(sic)PROT I LE AN LI PA I 1644
Weight: 10.23g, ‘clipped’; silver plated on a copper alloy.
Southam, Warwick. M/d find by Mr S. Gaskins, summer 1996.
This is at first sight a straightforward plated counterfeit, copying a ‘Declaration’ half crown of Bristol type. However since its silver coating is intact on the edges, the apparent clipping and wear are likewise false. Perhaps its issuer passed the coin at a discount, relying on the ‘clipping’ to distract attention from the coin’s innate falseness. Since the coin copies a worn and clipped original, a Civil War association is unlikely and the design does not help to pinpoint its origin. D.J.S./P.J.W./E.M.B.

Continental sterlings

214. Brabant, John II the Pacific (1294–1312), Antwerp.
Weight: 0.95g (14.6gr).
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. M/d find by R. Bickers, before November 1997. C.P.B.

215. Hainaut, John of Avesnes (1280–1304), Mons.
Weight not recorded.

Weight: 1.24g (19.1gr).
Hillington, Norfolk, site 17441. M/d find, September 1997. J.A.D.

Weight: 0.84g (12.9gr).

218. Flanders, Robert of Béthune (1305–22), Alost.
Weight: 1.29g (19.9gr).
Sunningham, Norfolk. (Not illustrated.) J.A.D.
Weight not recorded.
(Not illustrated.)
S.P.D./J.N.

220. Luxembourg, John the Blind (1309–46), Mayhew 274.
Weight: 0.93g (14.4gr).
Wenhaston, Suffolk. (Not illustrated.)
J.A.D.

221. Namur, William I (1337–91), Mayhew 361.
Weight: 0.95g (14.6gr).
Oxborough, Norfolk, site 20625. M/d find, March 1997.
(Not illustrated.)
J.A.D.

Weight: 1.08gr (16.6gr).
Narford, Norfolk. M/d find, 1996.
(Not illustrated.)
J.A.D.

227. France, Charles VI or VII (1380–1460), blanc.
Weight: not recorded (clipped, cut half).
(Not illustrated.)
D.J.S./P.J.W.

229. France, Henri VI (1422–53), blanc aux écus.
Lafaurie 449, Elias 285a or 287, Le Mans or Rouen mint.
Weight: 2.21g, chipped.
S.P.D./J.N.

230. Germany, Otto-Adelheid penny, c. 983–91–1040, Hatz class IV-1-b or IV-5-gi.
Obv. [+D][X], cross with letter ODDO in angles, with dots under the Os.
Rev. [J]HLH[ ], church with a pellet on each side.
East Anglia. M/d find. 1996. Information courtesy Dr and Mrs M Phillips, who have presented it to the Fitzwilliam Museum (CM.818.1996).
Other Otto-Adelheid pennies found in England: 1. Coin Register 1995, no. 260; 2. below no. 231. The pecking on two of them shows that they had circulated in Scandinavia or the southern Baltic before arriving in England.
M.A.S.B./J.C.M.

231. Germany, Otto-Adelheid penny, c. 983/91–1040, Hatz class III or IV (var. retrograde).
Obv. +D[X], cross with letters ODDO in angles (first D on its face) (all retrograde).
Rev. (three pellets, not attached to the church) AT[ ] (retrograde legend) church with vertical lines and a pellet in the middle. No adjacent symbols visible.
Weight and die-axis not recorded. Appears to be pecked (obv. at least 2/rev. at least 5, examined on photo only).
The site has produced three other coins, reported as Æthelred II, Crux type, Dover; 2. id., Long Cross type, Leicester; 3. cut or broken half of unknown type and reign.
M.J.B./J.C.M.

232. Germany, Frederick II (1212–50), sterling, Berghaus 69, Dortmund.
Obv. REX FRIDER[ ].
Rev. ROMANVS-REXI
Weight: 1.32g.
J.A.D./B.J.C.

Weight: 0.48g.
J.A.D./B.J.C.


240. Brabant, John I (1261–94), cut half sterling (brabantinus), Walt. Weight: 0.36g (5.5gr), clipped. Mendham, Suffolk. J.A.D./B.J.C.

241. Brabant, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double patard. Weight: 2.64g. Foxley, Norfolk, site 31561. M/d find, February 1997. (Not illustrated.) J.A.D.

242. Brabant, Charles the Bold (1467–77), double patard. Weight: 2.82g. Sculthorpe, Norfolk, site 31646. M/d find, September 1997. (Not illustrated.) J.A.D.


244. Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella (1497–1516), half real, uncertain mint. Weight: 1.60g. Bradenham, Norfolk. M/d find, 1997. (Not illustrated.) J.A.D.

245. Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella (1497–1516), half real, uncertain mint. Weight: 1.00g. Fornceett, Norfolk, site 31949. M/d find, 1997. (Not illustrated.) J.A.D.

246. Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella (1497–1516), half real, Seville. Weight: 1.19g, holed. Hillington, Norfolk. site 17441. M/d find, October 1997. (Not illustrated.) J.A.D./B.J.C.


250. Portugal, John V (1706–50), gold quartinho, 1717, Lisbon. Weight: 2.48g. Tattersett, Norfolk, site 31589. M/d find, October 1997. Portuguese gold appears to have circulated widely in
England and Wales during the eighteenth century, this at 6s 9d.

J.A.D.

251. Italy, Lucca, Conrad II (1024–39), silver denaro, Matzke in SNR 72 (1993), pl. 2, 19 or possibly an imitation. Obv. illegible legend; developed OTTO monogram, in a beaded circle.
Rev. +CN[V?]NRADV (square C, small unbarred A, S on side) starting at 3 o’clock, LV I CA in two lines (L retrograde), pellet in centre
Weight: 0.70g.

Dunmow and Braintree, between, Essex. Found during gas pipe work, c. 60cm below ground, 1994/5.
Identified by Michael Matzke. Another denaro of Lucca was found at Oxborough, Norfolk (Coin Register 1994, no. 362).

J.C.M./M.J.B.

252. Italy, Bologna, silver grosso, second half of 15th century.
Weight: 0.74g, broken half coin.

J.A.D./B.J.C.


Obv. *e[ ]CVS-[ ]WE[ ]D (double annulet stops, cross.
Weight: 0.58g (90gr), slightly clipped. Die-axis: 45°.

Mablethorpe, area, Lincs. M/d find before May 1996.

M.J.B./J.C.M.

254. Russia, silver denga, 16th–17th century.
Weight: 0.32g.

J.A.D./B.J.C.

Seventeenth-century token


Weight: 0.76g. Die-axis: 180°.

The locality is spelled ‘Wickham’, and the issuer is not securely documented; his farthing was included only in the Addenda to SCBI 31, no. 830, on the basis of a find.
(Not illustrated.)

R.H.T./G.B.