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The coin register provides a platform for the publishing of unusual/remarkable single coin finds made in Britain and Ireland and which appear to be ancient losses. All Celtic, pre-conquest Roman and Roman silver prior to AD 64, all Roman gold, late Roman from the fifth century onwards (and silver from the fourth), are welcomed, as are Anglo-Saxon, Norman or Plantagenet coins and their continental contemporaries (down to and including the 'Tealby' type of Henry II). However, coins out with these categories will still be considered for their numismatic interest. As always, '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will be that the coin is new, by virtue of either being newly found or (if previously discovered) being hitherto unpublished.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 that there would otherwise be a considerable delay in publication.'

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Abbreviations

BM British Museum
BMC British Museum Catalogue
CCI Celtic Coin Index
CNG Classical Numismatic Group
EMC Early Medieval Coin Index
SMR Sites and Monuments Record
M/d Metal detector

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Celtic Coins

Note: as in previous years, large numbers of Celtic coins were again reported during 2001. The list that follows is therefore selective, concentrating on the publication and discussion of rare and new types.

1. Ebusus, bronze unit (CCI 01.1799).
   Weight: 2.8 g.
   Minster in Thanet, Kent. M/d find.
   Five examples of this second century BC type (L. Villaronga, Corpus Nummum Hispaniae ante Augusti aetatem (1994), p. 93, no. 22) are now recorded from eastern Kent.
   D.J.H.

   Obv. head r.
   Rev. horse r., cauldron below, uncertain decoration (bird, or charioteer?) above.
   Weight: 2.33 g.
   Goring, Oxfordshire. M/d find.
   This coin clearly belongs to the early phase of coinage from Normandy which features a cauldron beneath the horse and either a bird (LT XX 6950) or a more familiar charioteer (LT XX 6931) above. The coinage is rare in Gaul (P. de Jersey, Coinage in Iron Age Armorica (1994), pp. 46–7) and this appears to be the first recorded example from Britain.
   P. de J.

3. Uncertain attribution, stater core (CCI 01.0623).
   Obv. horse l., two-pronged motif above, uncertain objects around.
   Rev. horse r., uncertain motif and three rings above, ring in front and below.
   Weight: 4.55 g.
   Chichester, West Sussex.
   Found by Mr Karl Linale while digging in the back garden of his house. This bronze core (there are a few flecks of gold intact on the reverse) has defied all attempts at identification. The presence of a horse on both sides is unusual, particularly on a stater. Its origins are perhaps more likely to lie in Belgica than in southern Britain.
   P. de J.

   Weight: 6.60 g.
   Wormley, Essex. M/d find.
   P. de J.

5. ‘Ambiani’, bronze unit, Scheers series 90c (CCI 01.1776).
   Weight: 3.1 g.
   Folkestone, Kent. M/d find.
   D.J.H.

   Obv. [NERE]/[MUTINUS]
   Weight: 2.2 g.
   Minster in Thanet, Kent. M/d find.
   The inscription clearly reads [NEREI], not NIREI as usually given (see for example J.-B. Colbert de Beaulieu and B. Fischer, Recueil des inscriptions gauloises IV. Les légendes monétaires (1998), no. 213).
   D.J.H.

7. British, stater, class LZ3, VA 1507, BMCIA 347 (CCI 01.1856).
   Weight: 5.5 g.
   Goodnestone, Kent. M/d find.
   D.J.H.

8. British, silver unit, class LX19, VA 1611, BMCIA 388 (CCI 01.1755).
   Weight: 0.83 g.
   Petham, Kent. M/d find.
   A Kentish origin seems certain for this type, which has traditionally been classed as a north Thames issue.
   D.J.H.

9. British, silver unit, new type (CCI 01.1621).
   Obv. Head r., pellets for lips, six or more thick crescents for hair.
   Rev. Horse r., disconnected straight legs, crudely represented lyre between the front and back legs.
   Weight: 1.08 g.
   Pith, Hampshire. M/d find.
   An uncertainly attributed southern British type, drawing on Armorican coinage for inspiration, and best known from the Hayling Island temple site, from which four examples are recorded (D. Briggs et al., BNJ 62 (1992), nos 36–9).
   P. de J.

10. British, silver half-unit, class LX14, VA 474, BMCIA 393 (CCI 01.0411).
    Weight: 0.4 g.
    Hitchin, Hertfordshire. M/d find.
    P. de J.

11. ‘Cantii’, cast bronze unit, cf. VA 1418 (CCI 01.1765).
    Rev. M[A]
    Weight: 3.99 g.
    Canterbury, near Kent.
    D.J.H.

12. ‘Cantii’, bronze unit, class LY6, VA 154–1, BMCIA 2480 (CCI 01.1754).
    Weight: 2.39 g.
    Petham, Kent. M/d find.
    D.J.H.

    Rev. VOSII
    Weight: 1.3 g.
    Whitstable, Kent. M/d find.
    D.J.H.

14. ‘Atrebates’, silver unit of Eppillus, VA 441, BMCIA 1132 (CCI 01.1880).
    Obv. EPPIL
    Rev. EPPIL
    Weight: 0.8 g.
    Hollingbourne, Kent. M/d find.
    D.J.H.
15. 'Trinovantes' and 'Catuvellauni', silver unit, *BMClA* 381 (CCI 01.1709).
   Weight: not available.
   Ludford, Lincolnshire. M/d find.  
   P. de J.

   Weight: 0.49 g.
   Stapleford, Cambridgeshire. M/d find.  
   M.A.

   Rev. DVBJNOVILLA
   Weight: 5.45 g.
   Kelvedon, Essex. M/d find.  
   P.R.S.

18. 'Trinovantes' and 'Catuvellauni', silver unit perhaps of Tasciovanos, new type (CCI 01.1495).
   Obv. Upturned crescent containing beaded lines above a pellet in ring; star above, ring, two pellets and single pellet arranged symmetrically each side of star; plain exergual line below, with uncertain lettering, perhaps including an A.
   Rev. Horse r., crescent above, star in ring in front, A-like motif below.
   Weight: not available.
   South Essex. M/d find.  
   The style of the horse is extremely close to one of the quarter staters of Tasciovanos (VA 1692, *BMClA* 1641), and an attribution either to Tasciovanos or one of his associates — perhaps Andoco — seems probable. The inscription on the obverse is frustratingly unclear: the first 'letter' does not appear to be a simple T, which would fit well with the following A, but might perhaps be a decorative motif rather than a letter. The overall style of the obverse is more or less unparalleled in the north Thames coinage, but it does echo the silver unit of Eppillus (VA 415) with R.EX CALLE above and below a large crescent; it is by no means impossible that the coin of Eppillus served as a model for the obverse of this type.  
   P. de J.

   Obv. SEGO
   Weight: 1.2 g.
   Woodnesborough, Kent. M/d find.  
   D.J.H.

20. 'Trinovantes' and 'Catuvellauni', quarter stater of Cunobelin, VA 2038 (CCI 01.1778).
   Obv. CAM[V]
   Rev. CVN
   Weight: 1.2 g.
   Whitstable, Kent. M/d find.  
   D.J.H.

   Obv. CAM

   Weight: not available.
   Ludford, Lincolnshire. M/d find.  
   P. de J.

   Weight: 6.02 g.
   Market Rasen, near, Lincolnshire. M/d find. Information from Mr E.W. Danson.  
   P. de J.

   Rev. IISVP [R]IASV
   Weight: 3.80 g.
   Sleaford, near, Lincolnshire. M/d find. Information from Mr E.W. Danson.  
   P. de J.

25. 'Iceni', silver unit, early face/horse Ca, VA 665, *BMClA* 3536 (CCI 01.0286).
   Weight: 0.9 g.
   Fordham, Cambridgeshire. M/d find.  
   Previously known only by the two specimens in the British Museum (*BMClA* 3536–7). Although not in good condition, this example shows further details of the area in front of the face: a line descending roughly parallel to the nose curves outwards to enclose a pellet rosette, and another curved line extends from the mouth. There is further decoration above the line from the mouth, but it remains largely unclear.  
   P. de J.

   Rev. ECE[N]  
   Weight: 0.3 g.
   Ipswich, near, Suffolk. M/d find.  
   P. de J.

27. 'Iceni', plated silver half-unit (CCI 01.0399).
   Weight: 0.6 g.
   Soham, Cambridgeshire. M/d find.  
   Closest in style to the ANTED half-unit (VA 720), but apparently lacking any inscription on the reverse.  
   P. de J.

Greek Coins

28. Zeugitana, third century bc, Sear 6526.
   Obv. Head of Tanit l.  
   Rev. Horse's head r., 'o' in field r.  
   Weight: 4.90 g. Die axis 100°.
   Fishbourne, near site of Roman palace, West Sussex. Found during the excavations of 1983, 1985–6. A common coin type but of course an exotic find to have come from a British site. A find of four Punic coins have been recorded from a site in NE Kent (cf. Sear 6444) Coin Register 1991 (BNJ 61) nos 88–90 and 1992 (BNJ 62) no. 208.
Roman Coins

29. Republican quinarius, 101 bc or later. (Crawford 326 etc., moneyer uncertain).

Obv. Laur. head of Jupiter r.

Rev. Victory in quadriga r., Q ANTO BAL B P R in ex.

Fishbourne, near site of Roman palace, West Sussex. Found during the excavations of 1983, 1985-6 [SF no. not supplied]. A rare coin type reprising the Victoriata design. Denomination is rare for Britain.

Info. via D. Rudling of UCL Field Archaeology Unit. See also Excavations at Fishbourne 1994-9, J. Manly, D. Rudkin (forthcoming).

R.A.A.

30. Republican serrated denarius, 83-83 bc, Crawford 364.

Obv. Head of Jupiter r., 5° behind.


Harlow, near, Essex. M/d find by K. Stimpson.

R.A.A.


Obv. Hds. of Libertas, before l. SESTI upwards, behind PRO Q downwards.

Rev. Triglyph, on I. axe, on r. simul: around O. CAEPIO BRVTVS PRO COS.

Weight 2.15 g. Die axis 0°.


R.A.A.

32. Barbarous denarius, (c. late 1st - early 2nd century AD).

Obv. Abstract horseman r.

Rev. Abstract horseman r.

Weight 3.30 g. Die-axis 90°.

Northern Ireland.

An interesting copy of a Republican denarius in highly 'Celtic' style. The head is beyond recognition while the single horseman could be an adaption from either one of the Dioscuri or a Victory-in-chariot. Single horseman designs were of course available and had inspired some late British Iron Age coin types. It is said to have been found in Northern Ireland and, if a local production, would therefore have most likely been copied from a prototype after the Agricolan campaigns brought the Empire closer by and facilitated the contacts mentioned by Tacitus (Agricola 24). The last such Republican denarius disappear from the Romano-British circulation by the first third of the second century. Info via H. Geake of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (finds liaison officer for Suffolk) [www.finds.org.uk].

R.A.A.

33. 'Claudius' plated denarius, c.50s-60s AD.


Rev. NERO CLAVD CAES DRV[S] GER[M] PRINC IVVENT.

Bust of Nero dr. 1., head bare.

Weight 2.18 g. Die axis 180°.

Fishbourne, near site of Roman palace, West Sussex. Found during the excavations of 1983, 1985-6.

Variation of a rare coin type of AD 50-4 (cf. RIC 83) that quickly disappeared after Nero's debasement of the silver in AD 64 and thus good evidence of early Roman occupation in Britain.

Info. via D. Rudling of UCL Field Archaeology Unit. See also Excavations at Fishbourne 1994-9, J. Manly, D. Rudkin (forthcoming).

R.A.A.

34. Barbarous 'Antonine' as, ?late second or third century.

Obv. Crude head with long beard and bushy hair.

Rev. Standing figure, S C in field.

Weight 6.03 g. Die axis 180°.

Bassingbourne, Cambridgeshire. M/d find by David Stuckey.

Unusually, the head appears to suggest a prototype of the time of Marcus Aurelius or his dynasty rather than the familiar Claudian copies. Now BM 2001 5-6 1 (gift of finder).

R.A.A.

35. Valerian I (AD 253-60), base silver radiate, mint of Viminacium, cf. RIC 89-90.

Obv. IMP [C] P LIC VALE[RIANVS] AVG, radiate and draped bust r.


Weight: 2.04 g (pierced twice). Die axis 0°.


The double pendants were probably made in the early Anglo-Saxon period so that the coin might be sewn onto a garment. It is probably from a cemetery site as an early Anglo-Saxon brooch is said to have been found 40 metres away. [2001.0956]

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

36. Postumus, sestertius, (260-9) cf. RIC 123 etc.

Obv. Ilegible (laureate bust, left).

Rev. Ilegible (fides militum standing between two standards).

Weight 8.60 g. Die-axis 180°.

St Margarets at Cliffe CP, Dover, Kent. M/d find by Gavin Pettet.

M.L.

37. Carausius (287-96), laureate silver 'denarius', RIC 571 (includes the reading 'RVMANO'), Shiel -.


Rev. RENOVAT RVMANO[ ...] /RSR in ex. (She-wolf suck- ing twins Romulus and Remus).

Weight 2.78 g. Die-axis 180°.

Orston, Nottinghamshire. Metal detected by Mr M. Meats, 2001.

Shiel's catalogue lists the silver 'denarii' of Carausius known up to 1977 (more have been discovered since). He lists about 150 coins in all, with many obverse and reverse varieties. The wolf and twins reverse is the most common
one, but although none read RVMAN (it should read ROMAN or Romanorum) such mistakes are quite common.

R.B.

38. Carausius (287–96), radiate (irregular), RIC –.

Obv: […] IVS PP AVG, bust of Carausius, dr., r.


Possibly an uncatalogued RSR type (info via Chris Bailey).

D.J.H.


Obv: (No legend). Crude dr. bust r.
Rev: (No legend). Christogram, traces of mint-mark in ex. Weight 1.53 g. Diam. 11 mm.


Initially thought to be Anglo-Saxon, it appears to be an unusual copy of "SALUS DD NN AVG ET CAES" issues of Magnentius.

F.I.W.

40. 'Julian' siliqua copy, later fourth century.

Obv: RICVLTIT–SERAPAVG Bust, beardless with diad., dr., caur., r.
Rev: VOTS / XXX / INVLTIS / XXX (S's recumbent) in wreath, LVG in ex.
Weight 1.50 g. Die axis 0°.


This coin is a blundered hybrid combining an obverse of Julian (cf. RIC VIII, Lyons 209) and a reverse of Constantius II (cf. RIC VII, Lyons 216). The obverse legend with PERP AVG is only found on a light miliaria of Julian (per RIC). The reverse is a 'normal' VOTA siliqua issue of Constantius II. The coin is clearly a forgery. The coin was found on the base of a timber-framed Roman building in a secure archaeological context; associated with an official coin of Constans (RIC VIII, Trier 185) of 347–8. There seems little reason, based on the site coin evidence, for accepting occupation much after 375 (although the ceramic finds are yet to be processed, nothing which can be certainly dated to the very end of the Roman period has been noted). I would prefer a near-contemporary date in the early 360s for its production rather than towards the end of the century. Another factor to be considered is that it shows none of the clipping so prevalent on coins circulating at the very end of Roman Britain.

D.J.H.

41. Arcadius (383–408), siliqua.

Details regarding the coin could not be recorded as it was only briefly seen at a detector club meeting.
Weight etc. not recorded.

Swelving, near Saxmundham, Suffolk.

The finder noted that fragments of two other siliquae were found at the same findspot. While these latter coin fragments were not seen it is worth noting that this small group represents another late Roman/sub-Roman siliqua deposit. Such siliquae deposits are becoming increasingly common in Suffolk (e.g. Burgate, near Eye, Stonham Parva, Worlington) but this findspot is unusually close to the coastal zone where late Roman coin finds are relatively rare. (Not illustrated).

R.B.

42. Gold solidus coin pendant, 5th century, coin of Honorius (393–423), RIC (X), 1287d. (402–6), mint of Ravenna.

Obv: D N HONORIVS PP AVG, bust diad., dr., r.
Rev: VICTORIA AVGGG. REV COMOB
Weight (incl. frame and loop) 5.49 g. Die axis 180°.

Recueiver beach, Kent. Chance find by Mr Kingsbott, early 1980s. Info via Emma Young, Gabor Thomas and Angela Evans.

R.A.A.

Merovingian Coins

43. Gold tremissis, Belfort (‘immobilised Roman imitations’) cf. 5383 etc.

Obv: Diad. and dr. bust r. Iliterate inscription.
Rev: VICTANA/AOVTVIIVI Victory holding cross and wreath.
Weight 1.30 g. Die axis 180°.

Cleethorpes Beach, Yorkshire. M/d find by Paul Collins.

No precise catalogue match, which is not unusual for such a crude series (no modern standard typological catalogue has yet been written for this series for the period after RIC X).

R.A.A.

44. Gold tremissis, Marsal (dep. Moselle), moneyer Landolaud, Belfort 2416.

Obv: MARSALVO CO, diademed bust r.
Rev: +LANDOALDO MON, Greek cross, with C to l. and A to r., in circle of pellets.
Weight: 1.24 g.
Information from Paul Murawaski. [2001.0017]

M.A.

Early Anglo-Saxon Coins:

Shillings

45. Shilling (‘thrymsa’), ‘Constantine’ or ‘oath-taking’ type, North 17, c.555–75.

Obv: No legend. Bust r., pearl-diad. and dr., in front a forearm with large open hand, behind which is a cross.
Rev: Traces of legend. A lyre-shaped object within a double dotted circle.
Weight 1.28 g. Diam. 12 mm.
Little Oakley, Essex. M/d find, early 1990s.

P.J.W.

46. Shilling (‘thrymsa’), ‘Constantine’ or ‘oath-taking’ type, S. 26, North 17, mid 7th century.

Obv: no legend, diademed bust with drapery, forearm and large open hand placed on a cross, facing right.
Rev: [IANHMT]
Weight: 1.20 g. Die axis 180°.
Same obverse die as British Museum Coddenham specimen, but different reverse, and of paler gold.
Norfolk. M/d find shown at the British Museum on 20 November 2001.

G.W. / A.G.

Obv. NCL VIIIVC. Dr bust r., double pearl diad.

Rev: [NOVI] / F FANVSPFAVG. Small cross with large central boss superimposed on thin cross saltire, each limb terminating in an annulet, all within a small dotted circle.

Weight: 1.14 g. Diam. 13 mm. pale gold.


50. Early penny ('sceat'), Series E derivative, c.695–740.

Obv. Porcupine curve with spines above and triangle beneath; three large pellets at point of triangle.

Rev. Standard, with central pellet in annulet and two horizontal lines above and two horizontal lines below.

Weight: 1.14 g.


S.M.

49. Early penny ('sceat'), Series E (Variety J), North 49.

Obv. Plummed bird, with cross pommele below neck.

Rev. Standard, with central pellet in annulet and triple pellets on either side, two horizontal lines above and two horizontal lines below.

Weight: 1.06 g.


The silver plating is flaking off of the reverse, showing the base metal core beneath. (Not illustrated).

S.M.


Obv. Helmeted and diademed bust, right, with distinctive texture of pellets on head.

Rev: AL / VIO around a small cross and annulets.

Weight: 1.11 g. Die axis 180°.

East Oxfordshire. M/d find shown at the British Museum on 13 December 2001.

G.W./A.G.


Obv. Interlace cross with four 'rosettes'.

Rev: Whirl of snakes.

Weight: 0.69 g.

East Oxfordshire. M/d find shown at the British Museum on 13 December 2001.

Variations on the design of the cross are not unusual: here, the arms of the cross narrow sharply to form triangular leaves, leaving a lozenge shape at the centre of the cross. As customary, there are five pellets in the cross, the central one being larger, and four 'rosettes' in the armpits.


G.W./A.G.


Obv. Large featured, crude, diad, bust r., with figure 8 coiled snake, r. before; beaded border.

Rev. Distant eagle in landing posture above near eagle walking r., attacking serpent (?) before; beaded border.

Weight 0.9 g. Diam. 12 mm. Illustrated by scan.


A.A.


Obv. Crude diad. bust r. NPA (?), before, in runes (EPA?, SII?) chevron behind, pyramidal neck joining curved exergural line, pellets in field.

Rev. Annulet cross, small central pellet, pellet rosettes (?) in angles; double beaded border.

Weight 1.0 g. Diam. 12 mm. Illustrated by scan.


A.A.

55. Eanred of Northumbria (c.810–25), silver styca.

Obv. +EANRED, cross.

Rev. +CV-DHARD, cross.

Weight: 0.78 g.


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


Obv. +ED[ ] REX, pellet in circle.

Rev. +EAN[ ] REX, pellet in circle.

Weight: 0.78 g. Die axis 0°.


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


Obv. +CV-DHARD REXCANT

Rev. +VERHEARD MONETA (HE ligated).

Weight: 1.22 g. Die axis 0°.


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


Obv. +/ O FF / AR / EX, cross fleury on saltire.


Weight: 1.29 g. Die axis 0°.

M.A./M.A.S.B.
Peterborough area, Cambridgeshire. M/d find, 27 November 2001. Found by Michael Wordingham. This combination of types is not recorded by Blunt, but both designs were known for the moneyer. [2001.1168] M.A.S.B. / A.G.

59. Cynethryth of Mercia, Blunt: 118 (same rev. die), moneyer Eoba. 
Obv: EOB. 
Rev: +CNEFRegistered REGINA 
Weight 1.18 g. 

Vale of Berkeley, Gloucestershire. M/d find by Mr L. Hobus.

N.J.M.

Obv: +COENVVLF REX, M in centre. 
Rev: EAN / MV / ND, double tribach. 
Weight: 1.35 g. Die axis 180°.

Same dies as BMC 95.

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

61. Coenwulf of Mercia (796–821), Cross and Quatrefoil type, BLS Cn. 32, North 350, Canterbury, moneyer Tidbeorht. 
Obv: +COENVVLF / REX M 
Rev: +TIDBERHT MONETA (HT and NE ligated). 
Weight: 1.26 g. Die axis 180°.


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

62. Eadwald of East Anglia (c.796-c.800), Three Line type, North 432, Ipswich?, moneyer Lul. 
Obv: REX / EADVA / LD 
Rev: + / L / V / L 
Weight: 0.67 g., chipped and worn. Die axis 0°. 

Northamptonshire. Found c.1990–2001. Information from Robin Baker. Despite the uncertain appearance of this coin, it has been personally inspected at the Fitzwilliam Museum and is thought to be genuine. [2001.0564] M.A./M.A.S.B.

63. Eadmund of East Anglia (855-69), North 462, Ipswich?, moneyer Twicga. 
Obv: +EADMVND REX AN, cross and omega. 
Rev: +TPICGA MON, cross and pellets. 
Weight: 1.30 g. Die axis 180°. 


64. Æthelstan I of East Anglia (c.825–849), Non-Portrait type, North -, moneyer Eadgar. 
Obv: +ÆÐEALDN REX (V and L inverted), cross and four pellets in beaded inner circle. 
Rev: E / AD / N / OD (N reversed), beaded long cross in quatrefoil border. 
Weight: 1.30 g. 


65. Æthelstan I of East Anglia (c.825–849), Non-Portrait type, North -, moneyer Eadgar. 
Obv: +ÆÐEALDN REX (anti-clockwise and outwardly, letters reversed), around a crossed omega. 
Rev: +ÆÐGAR MN (outwardly, clockwise; M with three uprights). 

Weight not recorded. 

Upper Beeding, West Sussex. M/d find, 2001. Information from Jim Lymas, recorded from an e-mail image. This combination of types (crossed-omega/cross) was previously unknown for King Æthelstan. A similar obverse with comparable lettering, but reading clockwise and outwardly, is found on a double obverse (BMA 266–7; Pagan, BM/ 1982, pl. 1, 24). This suggests that the moneyer Eadgar was also responsible for these coins. [2001.0902] M.A.S.B.

66. Æthelstan I of East Anglia (855–69), North 462, Ipswich?, moneyer Twicga. 
Obv: +ÆÐMVND REX AN, cross and omega. 
Rev: +TPICGA MON, cross and pellets. 
Weight: 1.30 g. Die axis 180°. 


Obv: +ÆÆLVLVLF REX 
Rev: +MANNNA MONETA 
Weight: 1.21 g. 


68. Alfred (871–99), Third coinage, Two Line type, BMC xiv, Canterbury, moneyer Diarwald. 
Obv: +LFREDREXDO 
Rev: +DIAR/ALD 
Weight: 1.81 g. Die axis : 0°. 

Uncertain findspot. Shown at the British Museum on 3 September 2001 by Mr Rick Coleman of Glendinings. G.W. / A.G.

69. Æthelstan (924–39), Horizontal type, HPT1, Blunt 370 var., North 668, Lincoln?, moneyer Ari. 
Obv: +ÆÆDLSTAN REX 
Rev: ARE M / ONETA (N reversed), pellet above and trefoil below. 
Weight: 1.52 g. Die axis 0°. 


Ari struck Lincoln-signed coins of Eadred, and HT1 coins in NE I style of Æthelstan and Edmund. In both of the latter reigns there are also coins in a different style of lettering. This coin falls into that group. It is similar to SCBI BM V 201 (of HT1 type). M.A.S.B.
70. Penny of imitative type, tenth century, perhaps copying Æthelstan.
Obv. +LIPEALD MO LONDÆI (retrograde), around small cross.
Rev. ÆDO EDMO (retrograde) in two lines, separated by three croses; trefoils above and below.
Weight: 1.79 g (27.6 gr). Die-axis 90°.

From the same dies as Blunt ("The coinage of Æthelstan", BNU 42), Irregular group, 'Two Line type', no. 450. There is no king's name. The coin could perhaps be regarded as a 'double reverse' imitation, copying a mint-signed Bust Crowned or Circumscription Cross coin, and a Horizontal Trefoil. 'Lifwald' apparently remains unrecorded as a moneyer on Æthelstan's regular coinage. The 'reverse' reading suggests that a moneyer's name such as Æthelwald or Æthe(l)red may have been intended. The weight of the coin, at over 27 grains, is high, but is matched in the irregular series by Blunt 501b; several others are over 25 grains.

E.M.B.

71. Edmund (939-946) or Eadred (946-955), Bust Crowned type, uncertain mint and moneyer (perhaps Manne of Norwich?).
Obv. Bust crowned right.
Rev. +ANIN], small cross pattée.
Weight: 0.49 g (large fragment, pierced).

All that can certainly be said about this coin is that it is a Bust Crowned type of Edmund or Eadred (N 697, 698, 713, 715). The closest parallels seem to be with coins for Eadred by the moneyer Man (MANNE) of Norwich (see, for example, SCBI 9 - Aslomun; 377, type N 715), but not enough of the coin survives for this to be certain. (Not illustrated).

S.M.

72. Edgar (959-75) to reform coinage, Reform Portrait, BMC vi, North 752. London, moneyer Ælfnoð.
Obv. +EADGARREXANGLO
Rev. +ÆFNO-BM-OLOVN
Weight: 1.18 g (somewhat corroded). Die-axis 0°.

G.W./A.G.

73. Æthelred II (978-1016), Long Cross type, BMC iv, North 774, uncertain mint, moneyer Godric.
Rev. +GODRIC ON
Weight: 1.42 g. Bent and clipped. Die-axis 90°.

The coin has been bent double in the Anglo-Saxon period, probably not for testing the metal but for some amuletic or votive purpose.¹ [2001.0958]

M.A.S.B.

74. Cnut (1016-35), Quatrefoil type, BMC viii, North 781, Lincoln, moneyer Æthelmer.
Obv. +CNVT REX ANGLORV
Rev. +ÆE BLM / Æ E M / O LN
Weight: 0.79 g.

Late Lincoln-style bust, consistent with light weight. [2001.0028] M.J.B./A.G.

Obv. +CNVT REX ANGLORV1
Rev. +ÆE DPE / REJ / LVO
Weight: 0.77 g. Die-axis 90°.

76. Cnut (1016-25), Quatrefoil type, BMC viii, North 781, York, moneyer Leofnoth.
Obv. +CNVT REX ANGLORV.
Rev. +LE OFE NO D ON LEI; the O of 'ON' and I of 'LEI' in cusps of cross-ends.
Weight: 1.18 g (18.2 gr). Die-axis 0°.

An addendum to the Bryn Maelgwyn hoard, this coin came to light in 2000, apparently from the jacket worn by the original finder, Mr J.S. Jones. See George C. Boon, Welsh Hoards 1979-1981 (Cardiff, 1986), pp. 1-35; different dies from the four coins of Leofnoth, p. 24, nos. 126-9. The coin has been donated to Llandudno Museum.

E.M.B.

77. Cnut, penny, Quatrefoil type, North 781, BMC viii; Chester, moneyer Leofnoth.
Obv. +CNVT REX ANGLORV.
Rev. +LE OFE NO D ON LEI; the O of 'ON' and I of 'LEI' in cusps of cross-ends.
Weight: 1.18 g (18.2 gr). Die-axis 0°.

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E.M.B.

78. Cnut (1016-35), cut halfpenny, Pointed Helmet type, BMC xiv, North 787, Norwich, moneyer Ragnulf.
Obv. [ ] REX AF
Rev. +RIN[N] R@I
Weight: 0.52 g.

79. Cnut (1016–35), Short Cross type, BMC xvi, North 790, Lincoln, moneyer Godwine. 

*Obv.* +CNVT / RECX; 

*Rev.* +GODPINE ON L.IN. 

Weight: 0.92 g. 


Same dies as Mossop, pl. LI, 21. 

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

80. Cnut (1016–35), Short Cross type, BMC xvi, North 790, Stamford, moneyer Leofwine. 

*Obv.* +CNVT / RECX; 

*Rev.* +LEOFPINE ON STA 

Weight: 1.01 g. 


M.A.


*Obv.*: CNUU(E)CX; 

*Rev.*: + ONPINC (plus three dots). 

Weight: 0.54 g. Die axis 90°. 


G.W./A.G.

82. Edward the Confessor (1042–66), Radiate/Small Cross type, BMC i, North 816, Ipswich, moneyer Bruning. 

*Obv.*: +EDPR / D REX A; 

*Rev.*: +BRVNN ON GIPESP; 

Weight: 0.92 g. 


H.G./M.A.

83. Edward the Confessor (1042–66), Sovereign/Eagles type, BMC ix, North 827, Cambridge, moneyer Eadward. 

*Obv.*: EDPARD R ANGLO 

*Rev.*: +EADPAR[ ]N GRANT 

Weight: 1.35 g. Die axis 180°. 


M.A.

84. Edward the Confessor (1042–66), cut halfpenny, Hammer Cross type, BMC xi, North 828, Lincoln, moneyer Aslakr. 

*Obv.*: +EDPF JRI 

*Rev.*: +ASLAIJ JOHN 

Weight: 0.57 g. 


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

85. Edward the Confessor (1042–66), Hammer Cross type, BMC xi, North 828, Nottingham, moneyer Forni. 

*Obv.*: +EDAPAR / D REX 

*Rev.*: +FORM ON SNOTINGEH 

Weight: 1.27 g. 


M.A.

86. William I (1066–87), cut farthing, Two Sceptres type, BMC iv, North 844, uncertain mint and moneyer. 

*Obv.*: [JE RE] 

*Rev.*: JRN ON I 

Weight: 0.35 g. 


Note distinctive obverse legend with error. 

M.A.


*Obv.*: +PILLELM REX 

*Rev.*: +BRIHTPINE ON LVN 

Weight: 1.01 g. Die axis 270°. 


M.A.

88. William I (1066–87), cut halfpenny, PAXS type, BMC viii, North 848, uncertain mint and moneyer. 

Weight: 0.49 g. 


M.A.

89. William II (1087–1100), Cross in Quatrefoil type, BMC ii, North 852, Colchester, moneyer Ælfi. 

*Obv.*: +PILLELMERE 

*Rev.*: +IEFSIOCOLECES 

Weight: 1.36 g. Die axis 90°. 

Uncertain findspot. Shown at the British Museum on 1 October 2001. 

G.W./A.G.

90. William II (1087–1100), cut farthing, Cross in Quatrefoil type, BMC ii, North 852, Colchester, moneyer Ælfi. 

*Obv.*: [JELM] 

*Rev.*: [JFINI] 

Weight: 0.23 g. 


M.A.


*Obv.*: HENRICVS REX 

*Rev.*: +ALGAR FRESA:ONGRA 

Weight: 1.27 g. Die axis 270°. 


From the same obverse die as a coin in the Fitzwilliam Museum, ex Conte collection, which lacks the mint-signature. 

M.A.

Rev. [ ] DENNE [ ]

Weight: 1.30 g, chipped. Die axis 270°.


M.A.


Obv. [ ]

Rev. [ ] PINONON [ ]

Weight: 0.60 g. Die axis 90°.


M.A.

94. Stephen (1135-54), Cross Moline type, BMC i, North 873, Canterbury, moneyer Willelm.

Obv. [ ] E:

Rev. [ ] EMONCA [ ]

Weight: 1.10 g. Die axis 0°.


M.A.

95. Stephen (1135-54), Cross Moline type, BMC i, North 873, uncertain mint, moneyer Rodbert.

Obv. [ ] IEFNE:R

Rev. [ ] ROBERT:ON: [ ]

Weight: 1.0 g. Die axis 225°.


M.A. / D.J.H.

96. Stephen (1135-54), Cross Voided and Mullets, BMC ii, North 878, Hastings?, moneyer Swine.

Obv: +STIEFN

Rev: INE:ONhA [ ]

Weight: 1.37 g. Die axis 180°.

Surrey; shown at the British Museum on 30 October 2001 by Mr Minty.

G.W. / A.G.

97. Stephen (1135-54), cut farthing, Cross Voided and Mullets type, BMC ii, North 878, Canterbury, uncertain mint and moneyer.

Obv: STEF [ ]

Rev: [ ]

Weight: 0.39 g.


M.A. / H.G.

98. Stephen (1135-54), Awbridge, BMC vii, North 881, uncertain mint, moneyer Aizin?

Obv: +STIEFN [ ]

Rev: +AIZIN [ ] ON:

Weight: 1.24 g. Die axis 90°.

Strange spelling for the moneyer's name: cf. SCBI 20, also with uncertain moneyer.

Uncertain findspot. Shown at the British Museum on 1 October 2001.

G.W. / A.G.

99. Stephen (1135–54), Lozenge Fleury and Annulets type, BMC iv, North 897, uncertain mint and moneyer.

Rev. [ ] ORIN [ ]

Weight: 0.91 g, chipped.


M.A.

100. Stephen (1135–54), cut halfpenny, Lozenge Fleury and Annulets type, BMC iv, North 897, uncertain mint and moneyer.

Obv: [ ] IFN[ ]

Rev: [ ] N [ ]

Weight not recorded.


M.A.


Obv: [ ] [EFNE]

Rev. [ ] ONGRAN

Weight: 0.63 g.


A new type for the Cambridge mint, not previously recorded later than Stephen BMC type i (Crescent and Estoile var).

M.A.

102. Henry II (1154–89), Cross-and-Crosslets (Tealby) type, class A, North 952, uncertain mint and moneyer.

Obv: [ ] PEM [ ]

Rev: +[ ] CAR

Weight: 0.76 g, large fragment.


M.A.

103. Henry II (1154–89), cut halfpenny, Cross-and-Crosslets (Tealby) type, class C1, North 956, Carlisle, moneyer Willelm.

Rev. +[ ] CAR

Weight: 0.50 g.


M.A.

104. Henry II (1154–89), cut halfpenny, Cross-and-Crosslets (Tealby) type, uncertain class, Canterbury, uncertain moneyer.

Obv: [ ]

Rev: +[ ] CA

Weight: 0.68 g.


M.A.

105. Henry II (1154–89), cut farthing, Cross-and-Crosslets (Tealby) type, uncertain class, uncertain mint and moneyer.

Rev. [ ] NOI [ ]

Weight: 0.32 g.


M.A.

Obv. HEN·RI·RE X
Rev. (Pellet-in-crescent) ILGERONLVND
Weight: 0.31 g (4.78 gr).


This is only the fifth example of the farthing to be found. One other specimen by Ilger is known, currently in a private collection. Acquired by Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (with grant aid from Resource/V & A Purchase Grant Fund), accession no. 2001 C 1.

D.J.S./A.B.

Scottish coins

107. Scotland, William the Lion (1165–1214), cut half-penny, Short Cross and Stars Phase B, moneyers Hue and Walter, Seaby 5029.

Obv. WILAM
Rev. +hVEW[
Weight: 0.66 g (10.2 gr).


D.J.S./A.B.

Continental sterlings

108. Continental copy of an English Long Cross penny of class 3 (3a?).

Obv. HEN[ ]
Rev. [ ] [DE] VND
Weight: 1.12 g (17.3 gr), slightly chipped.


This is clearly struck over an earlier coin. Faint traces of the (unidentified) undertype can be seen on the left side of the king’s face and on the adjacent part of the inner beaded circle. More clearly visible is a lis-headed sceptre, with pelleted shaft, which can be seen across the king’s chin, the lis pointing to his right.

D.J.S./A.B.


Obv. Shield with lis; annulet above and to each side.
Rev. L I L A, in angles of cross potent.
Weight: 0.36 g.


(This is a different coin to Coin Register 1997, no. 237).

D.J.S./A.B.


Obv. lCOMES HANONIE (bust ger lamended with roses).
Rev. VAL / ENC / HEN / ENS’ (cross and pellets).
Weight 1.31 g.


H.G.

111. Flanders, Robert of Béthune (1305–22), Edwardian type, Alost, Chautard 14.

Rev. MON/ETA/A[LO]/TEN, long cross voided, three pellets in each angle.
Weight 1.09 g. Die axis 270°.


P.J.W.

Later Continental

112. Portugal, John II (1481–95), silver vintem, Lisbon mint, Reis pi. 33.18.

Weight: 1.87 g.


D.J.S./A.B.


Obv. CHRIS [TIA] [ ] DG [ ] shield over long cross dividing legend.
Rev. NORWEGIAN[ ] GOTO[ ] REX, around S[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].
Weight: 1.61 g.


D.J.S./A.B.


Obv. His bust and titles.
Rev. Coat of arms (date illegible).
Weight 3.48 g. Die axis 180°.


R.A. A.
PLATE 39

COIN REGISTER 2001: 1. CELTIC COINS – CONTRIBUTION FROM CCI
PLATE 40

COIN REGISTER 2001: 2. GREEK, ROMAN, MEROVINGIAN, EARLY ANGLO-SAXON
COIN REGISTER 2001: 3. STYCAS, LATER ANGLO-SAXON