

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

ADDITIONS TO THE BUSH MOOR HOARD

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IN an earlier volume of this Journal the present writer published six coins (five English short cross pennies and one Scottish sterling of Alexander II), found at Bush Moor, Bush of Craigs, Dumfriesshire, in 2002.¹ These seemed likely to have formed all or part of a purse hoard. The finder, Patrick Langan, had stated that he did not expect to find any further coins at the site, but three more were in fact recovered in 2004. It seemed sensible to wait before publishing these coins, in case yet more discoveries were made, but this seems increasingly unlikely now that a further four years have elapsed.

The three most recently recovered coins are all English short cross pennies and may be summarised as follows:

Vb2, Nicole, King's Lynn	1.16 g
VIIb2, Roger of R, Canterbury	1.25 g
VIIb2, Ledulf, London	1.12 g

These do not alter the overall date range of the hoard, which already included coins from Vb1 to VIIc1, and the date of concealment must still be regarded as falling within the period 1236–c.1247. As with the earlier discoveries, these three coins were declared to be Treasure Trove and acquired by Dumfries Museum.

A summary of all nine finds in the *Inventory* format might be as follows:

BUSH MOOR, BUSH OF CRAIGS, DUMFRIESSHIRE, 2002 AND 2004

9 English and Scottish. Deposit 1236–c.1247.

ENGLAND: *short cross coinage pennies* (8): Canterbury (2) – VIIb2, Roger of R (1); VIIb3, Roger (1); King's Lynn (1) – Vb2, Nicole (1); Lincoln (1) – Vb1/Va2, Ricard (1); London (4) – VIIa1/VIId, Ilger (1); VIIb2, Ledulf (1); VIIc1, Giffrei (1); VIIc1(?), Ledulf (1). SCOTLAND (1): Alexander II sterling, type b – Pieres, Roxburgh (1).

Discovery and deposition: Found by metal-detector within an area of diameter c.20 feet. Claimed as Treasure Trove and allocated to Dumfries Museum.

REFERENCE

Holmes, N.M.McQ., 2004. 'A probable short cross purse hoard from Dumfriesshire', *BNJ* 74, 181–3.

¹ Holmes 2004.