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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 important historical questions such as the regional pattern of coin circulation, and partly because so many new friends have, in practice, turned out to be either examples of very rare issues or completely new varieties. It is obviously desirable that single finds should be recorded promptly, accurately and in an organised manner, especially at a time when the use of metal detectors has radically increased the quantity of material coming to light, and in the past *BNJ* has carried contributions relating specifically to the Anglo-Saxon and Norman periods. These articles have rightly aroused great interest and have stimulated other authors to come forward with additional material not only in the Anglo-Saxon and Norman series but in earlier and later periods also.

In order to deal with this larger body of information in as coherent a way as possible it has been decided that *BNJ* will carry a single listing, or Coin Register, 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will be that the coin is new, by virtue of either being newly found or (if previously discovered) being hitherto unpublished.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.

It is intended that the listing of Celtic coins in the Coin Register shall be done in association with the Celtic Coin Index at the Institute of Archaeology, Oxford. Celtic material should therefore be channelled in the first instance to Derek Harrison at the Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2PG. Other material should be sent to: E.M. Besly, National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NP.

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**Celtic Coins**

1. Gallo-Belgic, stater, class E, Mack 27a. VA 50–1 (CCI 89/1).

*Obv.* blank.

*Rev.* horse r.; above, ‘wishbone’, oval and pellets; below, pellet.

Weight: 6.22g.

Woods End settlement, near Aldbourne, Wilts. Metal detector find.

C.E.K./D.J.H.
2. Gallo-Belgic, stater, class E. Mack 27A.
   Obv. plain.
   Rev. devolved horse r., pellets, curve and ‘wish-bone’ above, ‘eye’ ornament behind, pellet below.
   Weight: 6.27g. Specific gravity: 13.99 (equivalent to 54% Au assuming Au/Ar binary alloy, but likely to be tertiary alloy with copper and more gold).
   Near Orwell, Cambs. (site recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Register), spring 1990. Found by metal detector on a ploughed field, a few inches from a Series B ‘sceat’ (no. 62 below) and some 200 yards from another Class E stater (no. 3 below). *Prima facie* the two staters should be regarded as single-finds rather than associated losses, since hoards dispersed by ploughing rarely travel more than 20 or 30 yards in the soil.

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3. Gallo-Belgic, stater, class E. Mack 27A.
   Obv. plain.
   Rev. devolved horse r., pellets and curve above, ‘eye’ ornament behind, pellet below; in exergue pellets and curves.
   Weight: 6.15g. Specific gravity: 13.93 (equivalent to 53% Au assuming Au/Ar binary alloy, but likely to be tertiary alloy with copper and more gold).
   Near Orwell, Cambs. (site recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Register), spring 1990. See no. 2 above.

   M.A.S.B. and M.J.B.

4. Early potin (CCI 89/9).
   Obv. head l.
   Rev. bull r.
   Weight: 3.51g.
   Wharf Farm, Cliffe, Kent. Metal detector find.

   C.E.K./D.J.H.

5. Early potin (CCI 89/10).
   Obv. head l.
   Rev. bull r.
   Weight: 3.96g.
   Wharf Farm, Cliffe, Kent. Metal detector find.

   C.E.K./D.J.H.

6. British, quarter-stater, similar to class PA, Mack 38, VA 147–1 (CCI 89/220).
   Obv. blank.
   Rev. stylised trophy; rectangular tablets with pellets to r. and l.; above, small annulet; below, pellet in ring and other ring ornaments.
   Weight: 1.34g.
   ‘Whitstable, Kent’.

   C.E.K./D.J.H.

7. British, silver unit (CCI 89/233).
   Obv. head l; eye formed by pellet in oval; face framed by three large crescents; corded hair.
   Rev. Celticised horse l. with mane and triple tail; above, pellet; below, feather or leaf(?). cf. Mack 441, VA 1555–1.

   C.E.K./D.J.H.

   Obv. EPATI. Romanised bust r.
   Rev. eagle facing, head l. and wings spread, holding serpent in claws.
   Weight: 1.29g.

   C.E.K./D.J.H.

   Obv. CARA. Romanised bust r.
   Rev. eagle facing, head l. and wings spread, holding serpent in claws.
   Weight: 1.23g.
   West Wycombe, Bucks. Metal detector find.

   C.E.K./D.J.H.

    Obv. head r.
    Rev. horseman r., arm raised behind.
    Weight: 1.46g.
    Wharf Farm, Cliffe, Kent. Metal detector find.

    C.E.K./D.J.H.

11. ‘Catuvellauni’. bronze unit of Tasciovanus, Mack 172, VA 1808–1 (CCI 89/232).
    Obv. VERLAMIO between points of ornament formed of two interlacing squares.
    Rev. bull l.
    Weight: 1.93g.
    ‘Bicester, near Oxon.’ Metal detector find.

    C.E.K./D.J.H.

12. ‘Catuvellauni’, silver unit of Tasciovanus, cf. similar gold quarter stater, Mack 185, VA 1786–1 (CCI 89/16).
    Obv. TASCI on tablet across wreath.
    Rev. horse (Pegasus?) springing l.
    Weight: 1.24g.
    West Wycombe, Bucks. Metal detector find.

    C.E.K./D.J.H.

    Obv. bearded head right.
    Rev. VH[R], horse left, pelleted annulet and trefoil above.
    Weight: not recorded.
    Near Barrington, Cambs. (site recorded on county Sites and Monuments Register). 1987/88. From same field as nos 14 and 15 below.

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    Obv. cruciform ornament.
15. 'Catuvellauni', bronze of Tasciovanus, Mack 190.

Obv. head right, with long beard.
Rev. VER7, horseman right.
Weight: not recorded.

Near Barrington, Cambs., (site recorded on county Sites and Monuments Register), 1987/88. From same field as no. 13 above.


Obv. RVII above lion r. within double circle.
Rev. eagle with spread wings.
Weight: 1.69g.

Brackley area, Northants. Metal detector find.


Obv. traces of CA MV divided by corn ear.
Rev. CVN0 below horse prancing r.; above, star and branch.
Weight: 4.21g.

West Wycombe, Bucks. Metal detector find.

18. 'Catuvellauni', bronze unit of Cunobeline, Mack 221, VA 1971-1 (CCI 89/218).

Obv. CVNOBELIN in two compartments of tablet.
Rev. seated Victory l.
Weight: 2.67g.

Brackley, Northants. Metal detector find.

19. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobeline, Mack 237, VA 2057-1 (CCI 89/11).

Obv. CVNO. Winged bust r.
Rev. TASCIO. Winged sphinx 1.
Weight: 1.17g.

West Wycombe, Bucks. Metal detector find.

20. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobeline, cf. Mack 238, VA 2059-1 (CCI 89/12).

Obv. TASCIOVAN[N]. Romanised bust r.
Rev. CVNOBELINI. Seated figure r.
Weight: 1.30g.

Brackley, Northants. Metal detector find.

21. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobeline, Mack 238, VA 2059-1 (CCI 89/219).

Obv. TASCIOVAN[N]. Romanised bust r.
Rev. [CVNOBELINI]. Seated figure r.
Weight: 1.30g.

Brackley, Northants. Metal detector find.

22. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobeline (CCI 89/17).

Obv. CVNO, Bearded Romanised head r.
Rev. TASC. Victory with outstretched arm, walking r.
Weight: 1.24g.

West Wycombe, Bucks. Metal detector find.

23. 'Catuvellauni', silver unit of Cunobeline (CCI 89/96, also 90/852).

Obv. (?)serpent(s) coiled within border of interwoven lines, cf. Mack 214, VA 1947-1.
Rev. CVN below Pegasus springing l.
Weight: 1.05g.

Haverhill, near, Suffolk. Metal detector find.

24. 'Catuvellauni', bronze unit of Cunobeline, Mack 242, VA 2089-1 (CCI 89/235).

Obv. CVNOBELIN[N]. Laureate head l.
Rev. traces of TASCIOVANI F. Centaur r., blowing horn.
Weight: 2.43g.

Brackley area, Northants. Metal detector find.

25. 'Catuvellauni', bronze unit of Cunobeline, Mack 243, VA 2901-1 (CCI 89/13).

Obv. head r., inscription almost effaced.
Rev. sow r., traces of inscription above.
Weight: 1.39g.


26. 'Catuvellauni', bronze unit of Cunobeline, Mack 246, VA 2095-1 (CCI 89/228).

Obv. bust r. Inscription illegible.
Rev. TASC below exergual line. Bull butting r.
Weight: 1.19g.

Wiltshire. Metal detector find.

27. 'Catuvellauni', bronze unit of Cunobeline, Mack 249, VA 2099-1 (CCI 89/14).

Obv. CVNO. Pegasus springing r.
Rev. TASC. Victory sacrificing a bull r.
Weight: 2.30g.

West Wycombe, Bucks. Metal detector find.

28. 'Catuvellauni', bronze unit of Cunobeline, Mack 249, VA 2099-1 (CCI 89/229).

Obv. CVNO. Pegasus springing r.
Rev. TASC. Victory sacrificing a bull r.
Weight: 2.33g.

Ascot, Berks. Metal detector find.
   Obv. inscription illegible. Pegasus springing r.
   Rev. inscription off flan. Victory sacrificing a bull r.
   Weight: 2.50g.
   Ascot, Berks. Metal detector find.

   Obv. Helmeted head left.
   Rev. Bull charging right.
   Weight: 1.26g.
   Metal detector find by Mr R. Laight.

   Obv. horse l.; above, pellet; behind, A.
   Rev. horse 1. with ring ornaments beneath and above, and pellet below tail.
   Weight: 1.89g.
   Wharf Farm, Cliffe, Kent. Metal detector find.

   Obv. head l. with corded hair.
   Rev. horse l.; above, pellet; behind, A.
   Weight: 1.26g.
   "Bicester, near, Oxon." Metal detector find.

   Obv. head left, with wreath over ear.
   Rev. horse 1. with pellets and pellets.
   Weight: 2.06g.
   M.A.S.B. and M.J.B.

   Obv. uncertain animal r., head turned back.
   Rev. horse.
   Weight: 1.76g.
   Wharf Farm, Cliffe, Kent. Metal detector find.

35. Dobunni copper alloy core of plated stater of VA type 1005-1, c. 35-30 B.C.
   "On the Fosse Way", within the West Midlands region. Metal detector find.

36. "Dobunni" silver "drachm" or unit, Mack 378a; VA 1045-1.
   Obv. devolved head, large pellet for chin, scroll and pellets.
   Rev. triple-tailed horse left, flower below, "bird" above.
   Weight: 0.865g.
   Willersley, Glos. Willersley Barn. Metal detector find by Mr B. Wright.

37. Dobunni, silver unit, VA 1042-1, Corio Head type, class B, c. 30-15 B.C.
   Weight: 1.002g.
   Wappenbury, near, Warwickshire, March 1990.
   Metal detector find (exact find-spot recorded confidentially in Birmingham City Museum).

38. "Dobunni", silver unit, VA 1042-1, Corio Head type, class B, c. 30-15 B.C.
   Weight: 1.037g. Die axis: 0°. Diameter: 14mm.

39. "Dobunni" billon "drachm" or unit, Mack 378a; VA 1045-1.
   Obv. devolved head, OXO on face, scroll below lips.
   Rev. part of (triple-tailed?) horse left, pelleted annulet above, "flower" below.
   Weight: 1.16g.

40. "Dobunni" silver "drachm" (broken half) Mack 378a (nearest); VA 1045-1 (nearest).
   Obv. Annulet eye, part of nose, curls behind head.
   Rev. part of (triple-tailed?) horse left, "flower" below.
   Weight: 0.95g.
   Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs. Blaney's Lane, Teyford, near Evesham.
   Metal detector find by Mr B. Wright.

41. "Dobunni", uninscribed, billon "drachm", Mack 382 var.; VA 1078-1 var.
   Obv. devolved head with scroll before nose, pellet in annulet eye, etc.
   Rev. naturalistic triple-tailed horse left: vestigial letters as symbols in field.
   Weight: 0.985g.

42. "Dobunni", fragmentary silver unit, VA 1078-1. Antedrig Head type, class F, c. 19 B.C. A.D. 10.
   Weight: 0.794g.

   Weight: 0.794g.
43. 'Dobunni', inscribed, billon 'drachm' or unit of Anted. Mack 387 var.; VA 1102-1.
   Obr. devolved head with scroll before nose, pellets in annulets etc.
   Rev. naturalistic triple-tailed horse left. AN below. TED (Greek theta) above.
   Weight: 0.98g.

44. 'Dobunni', inscribed, silver 'drachm' or unit of Anted. Mack 387 var.: VA 1085-1 var.
   Obr. devolved head with very long lips, various symbols.
   Rev. crude triple-tailed horse left, annulet and crescent above.
   Weight: unrecorded.
   Mancetter, Mancetter Farm, Warwicks., during excavations, on the site of a Claudian-Vespasianic fort, 1980. Found by Mr K. Scort.

45. 'Dobunni' silver 'drachm' or unit, Mack 384b (nearest); VA 1105-1 (nearest).
   Obr. devolved head, three pelleted annulets on face, 'daisy' of pellets, etc.
   Rev. single-tailed naturalistic horse right, wheel below, annulet and three crescents above.
   Weight: 0.96g.
   Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs. Blaney's Lane, Twyford, near Evesham. Metal detector find by Mr B. Wright.

46. 'Dobunni', inscribed, base core of plated stater of Eisu. As Mack 388 (gold); VA 1105-1 (gold).
   Obr. fishbone pattern (Dobunnic emblem) almost completely gone.
   Rev. devolved horse right, wheel below. EISV above.
   Weight: 2.995g.

47. 'Dobunni', inscribed, base core of plated stater of Eisu. As Mack 388 (gold); VA 1105-1 (gold).
   Obr. fishbone pattern (Dobunnic emblem).
   Rev. devolved horse right, wheel below, (HS) above.
   Weight: 2.915g.
   Henbury, Worcs., Bayliss Farm, September 1989. Metal detector find by Mr L. Phillips. On the same field as nos 46 and 47, have been found contemporary imitations of Claudian asses.

48. 'Dobunni', inscribed, billon 'drachm' or unit of Eisu (?). Mack 389; VA 1110-1.
   Obr. devolved head with scroll before nose, pellets in annulets etc.
   Rev. devolved (tailless) horse left. (EI) above. (SV) below.
   Weight: 1.105g.

49. Base core of plated stater, possibly a Dobunni counterfeit. Not found in Mack or VA.
   Obr. (convex side) surface much disintegrated and possibly blank (?).
   Rev. (concave side) single-tailed horse right (?), symbols around.
   Weight: 2.205g.

50. 'Dobunni' silver 'drachm' or unit. Mack 383 (reverse); VA 1135-1 (reverse).
   Obr. devolved head (off flan) X and scroll and crescent.
   Rev. prancing horse right, star ornament below.
   Weight: 0.55g.
   Probably Alcester, Warwicks. B.W. Davis Collection, Warwickshire Museum.

51. 'Dobunni' silver 'drachm' or unit. Mack 383; VA 1135-1.
   Obr. devolved head, annulet eye, annulet, crescent and two 'daisies' of pellets.
   Rev. Single-tailed naturalistic horse right; above, annulet with three crescents, various other symbols around.
   Weight: 0.96g.
   North and Middle Littleton, Worcs. Cleeve Hill Romano-British site, November 1989. Metal detector find by Mr B. Wright.

52. 'Dobunni' silver 'drachm' or unit. Mack 383 (nearest); VA 1135-1 (nearest).
   Obr. devolved head, annulet eye, annulet, crescent and two 'daisies' of pellets.
   Rev. Single-tailed naturalistic horse right; above, annulet with three crescents, various other symbols around.
   Weight: 0.83g.
   Willersley, Glos. Willersley Barn. Metal detector find by Mr B. Wright.

53. 'Dobunni', uninscribed, silver 'drachm'. Mack 383; VA 1135-1 (Catti Head type, class I).
   Obr. devolved head with crescent before nose, etc. Rev. naturalistic single-tailed horse right, cross below (mostly off flan), annulet and three crescents above.
   Weight: 0.94g.

W.A.S.

54. 'Iceni', silver unit. Mack 419. VA 710-1 (CCI 89/19).
      *Obv.* double crescent emblem, two pellets between crescents and five-fold wreath across field.
      *Rev.* horse r.; above, pellet surrounded by circle of same; below, ANTED monogram and three pellets; two pellets beneath horse's tail.
      Weight: not available.

C.E.K./D.J.H.

55. Corieltauvi, silver unit, VA 877-3.
      *Obv.* blank.
      *Rev.* horse r., large ring of pellets above.
      Weight: 1.033g.
      Near Leicester. The same site has also produced 18 Roman coins ranging from a Claudian as to bronzes of the House of Valentinian, an Anglo-Saxon sceat, 4 Long Cross cut fractions and pennies of Edward I and Edward III. Metal detector find. Remains in the trade. Published by permission of Mr G. Charman of Format Coins, Birmingham.

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56. Uncertain, silver unit (fragment) (CCI 89/234).
      *Obv.* abstract pattern (crossed wreaths?) decorated with ring, spiral and zigzags in field.
      *Rev.* abstract pattern.
      Weight: 0.32g (severely chipped).
      Brackley area, Northants. Metal detector find.

C.E.K./D.J.H.

57. Uncertain, bronze unit (CCI 89/7).
      *Obv.* unclear.
      *Rev.* horse l.
      Weight: 0.96g.
      Manor Farm, Cliffe, Kent. Metal detector find.

C.E.K./D.J.H.

Merovingian coins

      *Obv.* LOCO SANCO (S on its side). Diademed profile bust to right.
      *Rev.* +DAGAULDO. Cross with forked ends resting on the rosette of wreath forming inner circle. O and I (inverted) for L in lower angles.
      Weight: 1.27g (19.6gr). Die-axis: c. 270°.

M.A.A.

      *Obv.* CNO+ [ ]TT. Crude profile head to right.
      *Rev.* BERTOAL. Cross on globe. Lines extending at an angle downwards from additional cross bar on globe almost to outer circle.
      Weight: 1.3g (20.2gr). Die-axis: 225°.
      Shopney, Kent, 1970s. Illustrated x2.

M.M.A.

50. Gold tremissis, Briossus (Brioux, Deux-Sevres), Pottiers area, moneyer Chadulfus (c.f. Belfort 970).
      *Obv.* BRISSO VICO. Crude profile bust to right, hand and cross before face.
      *Rev.* +CHADULFVS MV. Cross with arms formed by triangles on a globe with a pellet in each angle.
      Weight: 1.24g (19.1gr. two holes towards the edge of coin). Die-axis: 180°.

M.M.A.

51. Gold tremissis, Catullaco (St Denis, Seine), moneyer Ebrigiselus (same dies as Prou p. 182; 355, pl. xiii, 25); evidence of a loop-mount.
      *Obv.* CATOLACO. Diademed profile bust to right.
      *Rev.* +EBREGISIL. Anchor-cross on globe.
      Weight: 1.34g (19.1gr). Die-axis: 180°.
      Rochester, Kent (near), early 1990. Acquired by the British Museum (1990-6-22-1).
      Another coin in the British Museum by the same moneyer at the mint is from the same obverse die only (1924-10-15-9), without findspot. This moneyer later struck coins in the name of St Denis. Several coins have recently been reported as found 'near Rochester'; it has not been possible to establish the precise provenance of this coin, or its association, if any, with the findspot(s) of the others. The coin has traces of where a mount has been removed, possibly recently. This suggests that it might have come from a grave deposit.

M.M.A.

Sceattas

      *Obv.* OTA[V]O, head right with single strand diadem, large eye, pellet in hair; in beaded serpent border.
      *Rev.* OAVNAMVANO, bird right, in cross flanked by two annulets; in beaded serpent border.
      Weight: 1.14g (17.6gr). Die-axis: 180°.
      Near Orwell, Cambs. (site recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Register), spring 1990. From same field as two Celtic staters, nos 2-3 above.
      Traced from the same obverse die as Rigold B1.C2 (BNJ 30 (1960-1), pl. 3), from the Barham (Kent) hoard, dep. c. 700. The reverse inscription is almost identical to those of Rigold B1.C1a and B1.C2/2.

M.A.S.B. and M.J.B.

63. Sceat. Series C. BMC type 2 'runic'. Kentish, moneyer EPA.
      *Obv.* a radiate bust right, with 'epa' in runes.
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Rev. devoted standard.
Weight: 1.01g (15.6gr). Die axis: 90°.

Near Chelmsford, Essex. Found by Mr G. Bell in 1990.

This coin conforms to type, although it is a little lighter than usual.

M.J.C.

64. Sceat, Continental Runic, Series D. (BMC 2c (North 168). Frankish, c. 700-710.
Weight: 1.09g (15.6gr). Die axis: c. 0° as illustrated.

Bredgar (near), Kent. Found by Mr A. Crampton, 1989.

M.M.A.

65. Sceat, type 8 (Series D). Lower Rhineland region, c. 700-10.
Obv. cross and four pellets with pseudo-letters in the border.
Rev. standard decorated with four Ls and central annulet, in border a cross and a zig-zag.
Weight: 1.17g (18.0gr).
West Winch, Norfolk (near). Found near West Winch, to the south of Kings Lynn, and shown to us through the good offices of Andrew Rogerson at the Norfolk Archaeological Unit. The exact site is recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Register (no. 25465).

M.A.S.B. and M.J.B.

Weight: 1.74g (26.8gr, high weight due to a blob of extra silver, possibly the remains of a mount). Die axis: c. 0° as illustrated.


M.M.A.

Obv. similar to Metcalf II, except lines in lower part of standard are parallel with the lower border, not at an angle to it.
Rev. Standing man with head profile to right, holding two crosses.

M.A.S.B. and M.J.B.

Obv. Diademed head to right, pseudo-legend. Same die as a coin in the British Museum ex Aston Rowant hoard (1971-12-16-76).
Rev. Cross on steps, in annulet at the ends of the three upper arms, pseudo-legend (details almost illegible as a result of corrosion).
Weight: 0.93g (14.3gr, chipped and corroded). Die axis: 0°.

Datching, Sussex, October 1984.

M.M.A.

Obv. Diademed profile bust to right, oxo behind head, pseudo letters before face.
Rev. Circumscription legend of pseudo letters. Cross on step, with an annulet at end of top and side arms.
Weight: 1.06g (16.3gr). Die axis: c. 45°.

Chigwell, Essex (precise findspot on record in the British Museum). Found by Mr Malcolm Berry while

P.G.S.
growing in 1963, and shown at the British Museum in 1990 by Mr I. Stewart, Gravesend.

M.M.A.

Later Anglo-Saxon coins


Obv. Offa / REX in two lines, pelleted line with forked ends between them. 

Rev. ESEL / VALD in two lines, pelleted line with pattee ends between them. 

Weight: 1.11g (17.1gr chipped). Die axis: 90°. 

Borley, Essex (just over the county border from Sudbury). Found by Mr Richman near a penny of Ecgberht (no. 17 below), and shown at the British Museum, 20 October 1989. 

M.M.A.


Obv. EOBA; bust r., trefoils of pellets behind head and in legend. 

Rev. +: CYNE 8 RY 8 REGINA, around M. 

Weight: 1.10g. Die axis: 240°. 


Same obverse die as SCBI Norweb 93 and BMC 61, which shows similar die-damage. The reverse die appears to be new. 

E.M.B.


Obv. COLNW 1 REX (S retrograde), bust to right. 

Rev. +COLNW 1 REX (S retrograde). Cross moline. 

Weight: 1.35g (20.8gr, cracked and bent). Die axis: 270°. 

Little Kimber, Bucks. (Exact findspot on confidential record in Bucks. County Museum. Aylesbury.) Found by Mr C.P. Lawson, spring 1990. 

Different dies from the two coins listed in BLS. The spelling res for rex, not previously recorded in this group, recalls the forms in S found on East Anglian coins of Beonna and Athelstan I. 

M.M.A.


Obv. +ECGBERHT REX. 

Rev. +DIORM 1 MDN (NE ligatured). 

Weight: 1.18g (18.2gr, chipped). Die axis: 270°. 

Borley, Essex, October 1989. Found by Mr Richman near a penny of Offa (no. 74 above). 

M.M.A.


Obv. +ÆDELSTAN REX. 

Rev. +BERHTRED MONET. 

Weight: 1.23g (19.0gr). Die axis: 270°. 

Carlisle, Cumberland. 1988. Found in excavations and published here in advance of the site report by kind permission of the director, Mr G. Kievill. 

Although the moneyer is recorded in CTCE for Edward the Elder, Edmund and Eadred, this is his first known coin for Athelstan, and his only known coin for any reign of the Bust Crowned type. No mint-signed coins of the moneyer are extant, but the Southern style of the present coin confirms his location in this area; no die-link which might establish the mint has been found. 

M.M.A.

79. Eadred, HT1 type (North 706, CTCE 96). North Eastern mint, moneyer Hundred. 

Obv. +EADRED REX. 

Rev. +HVD / RED 1. 

Weight: 1.25g (19.3gr). Die axis: 225°. 

Newark, Notts. March 1990. Found during gardening by Mrs P.M. Horn (precise findspot on record in Newark and British Museums). 

M.M.A.


Obv. +EADRED RE+. 

Rev. +BOGE HON-.TOH 1N- (T inverted). 

Weight and die axis not recorded. 

Thetford, Norfolk (near), spring 1990. Found by Mr D. Glover. 

M.M.A.

81. Eadwig. Circumscription Cross type (BMC v), probably Exeter, moneyer Iohan. 

Obv. +EADVIG REX ANGLO]. 

Rev. +Iohan MONET]. [EC +110. 

Weight: 0.39g (5.9gr, very corroded, part of edge missing). Die axis: 180°. 


Circumscription Cross coins of this reign are rare: CTCE records only five. The moneyer Iohan was not previously known for Eadwig, or in the pre-Reform types of Edgar, but is recorded in the post-Reform type at Exeter. (The Iohan working in the reigns of Edward the Elder, and of Athelstan at Chichester, cannot be the same person.) The obverse die is not shared by the only known Exeter coin by a different moneyer, but the style of the coin would be compatible with an attribution to this mint. The characteristically heavy edge is present although it has been eroded. The letters following what appears to be the [EX of the mint signature can be paralleled on other CC coins of the reign, including one Exeter piece where HJ appears at the end of the obverse legend. 

R.P.
82. Æthelred II. First Hand type (Hild. B1; North 766), c. 979-85. Mint uncertain, moneyer Godwine. Obv. [LIKE RED REX]. Rev. [GODPINE M]. Fragment. Weight: 0.99g (15.3gr). Die axis: 90°. Hempnall, near, Norfolk. Found near Hempnall, some 14 km south of Norwich (site recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Register). It was shown to us in November 1989 through the kindness of Andrew Rogerson of the Norfolk Archaeological Unit.

The coin is of southern style (Dolley and Talvio’s ‘southern A’). The moneyer Godwine is known to have struck coins of this type at Exeter, London, and Stamford, but given the style the latter is most unlikely. No die-link with this coin has been found.


84. Edward the Confessor, Short Cross type, BMC ii (North 818). Steyning, moneyer Wulfg; c. 1048-50. Obv. +EDPI RD R E. Rev. +PVLFIET ON SITE. Weight: 0.90g (13.9gr, small corrosion hole). Die axis: 0°. Findspot not known.

The moneyer of this coin (British Museum, 1989-10-18-2, presented by A.M. Baldwin & Sons) was hitherto known only in the following Expanding Cross type.


Post-Conquest coins

87. William I. Two Sceptres type. BMC iv (North 844). Warwick, moneyer Thuric, c. 1072-4. Obv. +PILLEM REX ANGL. Rev. +DYRKLIDOPEREL. Weight: 1.31g (20.2gr, cracked). Die axis: 0°. Darenth, Kent. Found in January 1989 at Old Mill Farm by Mr A.P. Hobby when the site was being excavated for ballast and shingle. Offered NCirc May 1990, 2493.

Thuric was previously recorded in types III and V, but not in type IV. The obverse die is different from that of the coin by Lifinc, SCBI Midlands 535.

88. William I. Two Sceptres type. BMC iv (North 844). Canterbury, moneyer Man, c. 1072-4. Obv. +PILLEM REX ANGLOR. Rev. +MAN ON CANTIILBI. Weight: 1.34g (20.7gr). Die axis: 90°. Seasalter, Kent. Found on the foreshore in the spring of 1987 by Mr C. Wren. Same dies as BMC 229. Coins nos 89 and 101 below were found at the same place in Seasalter, along with a small hoard of twenty-six Short Cross coins (to be published later). The site also yielded fragments of a penny of William II. BMC type iii, in too poor condition to identify further or to illustrate here. At the Inquest held at Canterbury on 2 July 1987 the Short Cross coins were declared treasure trove, but not the rest. Evidence was given of changes in the shore line since the eleventh century, and of the port and market activities there in the medieval period. The coins were returned after recording to the finders, Mr Bernard Waite and Mr Christopher Wren, who then kindly donated them to the Canterbury Museum. I am indebted to the finders, who allowed me to examine the coins and to the curator of the Canterbury Museum, Mr K.G.H. Reedie and his colleague Mr D. Dawson, for their help, and for permission to publish the coins here.

89. William I. Paxs type. BMC viii (North 849). London, moneyer Edric, c. 1083-6. Same dies as BMC 792. Obv. [PILLEM [REX]. Rev. [EDRIC ON LIND]. Weight: 0.69g (10.6gr, chipped and very oxidised). Die axis: 0°. Seasalter, Kent. Found on the shore in the spring of 1987 by Mr B. Waite. (For background, see no. 88 above.)

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90. Norway, Olaf Kyrre, 1067-93, penny, Malmer Period Ib. Greshl class Cii, similar to Shive pl. III. 20, but from different dies.

Obv. +[V]. Devolved bust to left.


Northamptonshire County Council Archaeology Unit excavations directed by Michel Audouy for the Period lib, Gresli class Cii, similar to Shive pi. Ill, 20, +A + IO (unbarred A). Die axis: 180°.


Obv. +[H][I][R] RE +[VI]. (NL ligatured).

Rev. +[E][L][F][S][I] ON COLECE.

Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr). Die axis: 270°.

92. William II, Crossates Pattee and Fleury type. BMC type iv, c. 1095-8. London?, Ægelwold?

Obv. [ ][U][T] [R].

Rev. +[H][E][R][I] ON BRNH.

Weight: 1.56g (23.1gr). Die axis: 90°.

Hampton Water, near Leominster, Herefords., 1968. Found by Mr T. Burton.

The moneyer of this coin (British Museum, 1986-5-1-1) was formerly known only in types iv and v, and was credited by L.V. Grinsell in The History and Coinage of the Bristol Mint (1986), p. 40 from this coin.


Obv. +PILELM RI.

Rev. +[P][I][L][E][L][R] ON BRII.

Weight: 1.20g (18.5gr). Die axis: 270°.

Parish of Knotting and Souldrop, Beds. (Exact findspot on confidential record in Bedford Museum).

Found by Mr Richard Parrish, in January 1990; shown at the British Museum by Miss C.R. Wingfield of Bedford Museum. (Illustrated by reductions from enlarged photographs.)

M.A.A.


Obv. +[H][I][R][E][X]. (NL ligatured).

Rev. +[E][L][F][S][I] ON COLECE.

Weight: 1.06g (16.3gr; small corrosion hole). Die axis: 90°.

Tutbury, Staffs., 1990. Found on the bank of the river Trent near Tutbury Castle.

This coin (British Museum, 1990-6-23-1) is a die duplicate of the only other recorded coin for the type at the mint, Lockett 1042, showing that the mint signature lacks the final S included in the reading in the sale catalogue.

M.A.A.


Obv. +[H][E][R][I] RE +[VI]. (NL ligatured, resulting in a letter resembling an L with a loop at the top).

Rev. +OR[DG]HR ON LVN.

Weight: 1.30g (20.0gr). Die axis: 180°.


This coin is from a different die from the only other recorded example, Sotheby 19.11.1984, 131.

M.A.A.


Obv. +[SP][E][R][L]K.

Rev. +[L][E][O][F][W].

Weight: 0.62g. Die axis: 0°.

Alcester, Warwicks., Bypass route, end of Mill Road, July 1989. Metal detector find by Mr J. Lewis.

M.A.A.


Obv. +[N][E][R][I] RE+[X].

Rev. LEPPON ON SYTHBY (?).


Alcester, Warwicks. In a field almost opposite Cherry Trees Motel, 30 March 1990. Metal detector find by Mr B. Wright.

W.A.S.

*Obv.* +HENRI

*Rev.* +GOD[PI|NE ON CICES (only parts of letters of mint-signature legible, but enough visible for attribution to be certain).

Weight: 1.26g (19.4gr, snicked). Die axis: 270°.


Godwine was hitherto recorded at the mint only in types viii and xi. If the association of type ix with types v and vi is accepted, this is his earliest recorded coin.

P.C.


*Obv.* +H[EN|REJX.

*Rev.* +LIF[1NE ON| / +SVTP [j.


Eynesford, Kent. Found by Mr A. Crampton. 1989.

Different dies from the only recorded coin in the Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow.

M.M.A.


*Obv.* +HENRICVS  R:

*Rev.* +STAN1ARD:  ON. NO:

Weight: 1.29g (19.9gr, snicked). Die axis: 180°.


The moneyer was not previously known in this type, although recorded in types vii, viii and xiv. The type is otherwise known at the mint only for Etstan (Glendining 2.xi.1988, 88).

M.M.A.


*Obv.* +hENRIC[VS]  R.

*Rev.* [IPACIER:  ON RI[ ] no punctuation following ON.

Weight: 0.74g (11.4gr, snicked). Die axis: 180°.

Seasalter, Kent. Found on the shore in the spring of 1987 by Mr C. Wren. (For background see no. 88 above.)

The letter following the initial letter R of the mint name is an upright, and is certainly not an ‘O’, so Rochester may be ruled out. This leaves Romney (RVM) as the only mint beginning with R at this period. Romney was previously known in types ix and xii, but is not recorded in the long period between, so a ‘new’ moneyer would not be unexpected. The moneyer’s name probably has two letters preceding -lwacher, and is unrecorded at any mint.

M.M.A.


*Obv.* + | | NER |

*Rev.* [ | ] ON: | | IREC.

Weight: 0.740g (11.42gr). Die axis: 0°.

Sandwell, West Midlands. Found during excavations on the site of Sandwell Priory, directed by Dr M.A. Hodder. I am grateful to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council for permission to publish it here.

The mint signature must be P1REC for Worcester. Although the moneyer’s name is off the flan the spacing of the surviving letters suggests very strongly that the most likely candidate is Wulfric.

D.J.S.

103. Scotland, William I, cut halfpenny, without mint name, but Edinburgh, moneyer, Hue Walter, c. 1205–30. (Seaby IV 5029).

*Obv.* + ---LAM

*Rev.* -EWALT--

Weight: 1.32g. Die axis: 90°.


W.A.S.

104. Scotland, Alexander II. 1214–49, penny, Stewart variety (a). Roxburgh, moneyers Alain and Andrew.

*Obv.* ALEXANDER REX, crowned bust right with sceptre.

*Rev.* ALAIM: A. ND|REV|.

Weight: 1.35g (20.8gr). Die axis: c. 270°.


The dies are different from those recorded in Burns for this rare combination of moneyers’ names.

G.T.D.

105. Henry III Irish Long Cross cut farthing of Dublin mint, moneyer Ricard, Seaby, Coins and Tokens of Ireland 4243B.

*Obv.* (hENRicvs) RE (XIII). Portion of crowned bust in triangle showing hand holding sceptre.

*Rev.* (RICARD) OND (IVE). Portion of long cross pommée voided, etc.

Weight: 0.255g.

Hanbury, Worcees. In field on Bayliss’ Farm, Jan 1990. Metal detector find by Mr L. Phillips.

W.A.S.


Weight: 0.50g.


G.T.D.


*Obv.* +ERIC MAGS reX NORVE (OR ligulate).
Rev. CRVX SCA IVX XPI.
Weight: not recorded.

East of Winchester, Hants., 1989 (precise location on confidential record in the British Museum). Found by Mr F. Meadows.

Eric was the father of Margaret, Queen of Scots, 1285–90, known as 'The Maid of Norway'. (Not illustrated.)

G.T.D.


Obv. + COMESARNOLDVS rosettes by head, pellets by neck.
Rev. MONETA COMITIS.
Weight: 1.16g. Die axis: 0°.

N.J. Mayhew has commented that this is probably his no. 75, but this specimen shows the obverse legend ends with a, and the N should be corrected to an M on the reverse.

M.J.C.

109. Gold écu of Philip VI, King of France, first issue (1337), Duplessy 249.

Weight: 4.46g. Die axis: 320°.
Near Bere Regis, Dorset.

B.J.C.

Weight: not recorded.
Weybourne, Norfolk. Found by Mr G. Fields in 1986.

B.J.C.

111. 'Schilling' of Dietrich III Damerau, bishop of Dorpat (1379–1400).

Obv. + TIRIVS EPV.
Rev. + MONETA TRA.
Weight: not recorded.

P.J.S.
PLATE 20

COIN REGISTER (1)