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A contemporary copy of a late 18th century counterstamped silver Spanish colonial (Mexican) 8 Reales (dollar) coin of Charles / Carlos IV (1788-1808). Obverse: Charles IV bust in classic robes, CAROLUS · IIII · DEI · GRATIA · 1792. Reverse: arms of Spain, HISPAN · ET IND · REX · M · 8R · F · M ·. Minted in Mexico City.

The coin has an oval counterstamp on the obverse featuring a bust of George III. The presence of green copper corrosion, flaking silver plating and bright copper in damaged areas suggest that this is a silver plated contemporary forgery.

As Spink 3765A.

Notes:

This is an example of an emergency countermarked issue which resulted from the supply crisis for silver coinage in Britain following the Wars in France after the Revolution in 1797. From March 1797 the Bank of England released stocks of Spanish silver coins with an oval countermark which revalued them at 4s 9d. Due to problems of counterfeiting, this was replaced by a larger octagonal stamp from January to May 1804 which in turn was eventually superceded by a complete overstrike with a Bank of England design which continued until 1811.

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Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1792

Date to: Circa AD 1792

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 27 g

Diameter: 40 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 22nd June 2020

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Milled

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Surrey](#) (County)

District: [Waverley](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Bramley](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ0041

Four figure Latitude: 51.1595225

Four figure longitude: -0.5713625

1:25K map: TQ0041

1:10K map: TQ04SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.