

COIN

Unique ID: BERK-7B1C46

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An early medieval silver cut halfpenny of Cnut (1016-35), short cross type (North 790) dating to c.AD 1029-35/6, moneyer: Huna (possibly; see notes), mint: Malmesbury (possibly; see notes). Ref: North 1994: 168.

The coin is in good condition and has been bent into a right-angle (90°). A crack is visible on the inside of the bend, across the obverse.

Notes:

The moneyer and mint of this coin remain uncertain given the amount of the inscription missing - the reverse reads '[]NNA ON []' with a vertical portion of a letter after the ON. The coin may, though, be die-linked to EMC1015.3135, a penny of Huna of Malmesbury. Such coinage from smaller mints tended to circulate relatively close to home, and the findspot of this coin is approx. 40km south of Malmesbury. If correct this is the first coin of Cnut recorded by the PAS from this mint.

A recent re-appraisal of the post-973 reforms dates Cnut's short cross more broadly to 'mid-late 1020s to 1035 (Naismith 2017: table 17).

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1029

Date to: Circa AD 1035

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 10.3 mm

Width: 8.3 mm

Thickness: 0.8 mm

Weight: 0.45 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 19th June 2021

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Sutton Veny](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST8941

Four figure Latitude: 51.16813536

Four figure longitude: -2.15870792

1:25K map: ST8941

1:10K map: ST84SE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

North, J.J., 1994 [English Hammered Coinage: Volume I. Early Anglo-Saxon to Henry III, c. 600-1272](#)

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