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Unique ID: NARC-E08EA3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete copper alloy Irish 'Gun Money' Shilling of James II (AD 1685 -1688). Crossed spears behind a double arched crown reverse. AD 1689.

Diameter: 25.71mm, Thickness: 1.64mm, Weight 5.5g

Spink 2003, P 169 - 170, No 6581.

These were official tokens issued in Ireland when James attempted to recover the English throne and were ultimately intended to be exchanged for silver coins of equivalent value. They were made from old cannon, bells and scrap metal. James failed in his attempt and the coins were never exchanged.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1689

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 1.64 mm

Weight: 5.5 g

Diameter: 25.71 mm

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Milled

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Harborough](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Market Harborough-Little Bowden](#) (District Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP7586

Four figure Latitude: 52.46679857

Four figure longitude: -0.89743366

1:25K map: SP7586

1:10K map: SP78NE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

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