

MEDAL

Unique ID: NMGW338

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

White metal (abase alloy containing a high proportion of tin or pewter) Edwardian souvenir medal commemorating both the Coronation of Edward VII and the laying of a foundation stone of an unknown building on 13th May 1902. The medal has been perforated so that it can be worn on a ribbon. Diameter 39mm, thickness 4mm.

Notes:

There were more medals struck to commemorate the Coronation of Edward VII than any other event. Originally scheduled for June but, due to the poor health of the King, postponed until August the coronation ceremony took place at Westminster Abbey. The fashion for cheap souvenir medals was established prior to the reign of Victoria (1837-1901); however, during her reign their popularity increased. The Birmingham manufactories perfected a bright silver alloy, unimaginatively named white metal, which had a superior looking rich surface when struck. White metals were inexpensive to make, the metal being soft and easy to strike and the bright surface giving scope for a fine array of designs (Fearon 1986, 3).

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1902

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 4 mm

Diameter: 39 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NMGWPA: 2000.64.1

Materials and construction

Primary material: White metal

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Spatial metadata

Region: [Wales](#) (European Region)

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

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

Parish or ward: [Abergavenny](#) (Community)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO2916

Four figure Latitude: 51.838074

Four figure longitude: -3.031897

1:25K map: SO2916

1:10K map: SO21NE

Grid reference source: Centred on parish

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Returned to finder

General landuse: Other

Specific landuse: Unknown

Fearon, D., 1986 [Victorian Souvenir Medals](#) Aylesbury: Shire Publications Ltd