

COIN

Unique ID: BUC-46FDD8

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Copper alloy nummus of Magnentius, 350-3, mint unclear, SALVS DD NN AVG ET CAES, large Chi-Rho between alpha and omega. The coin was struck c. 352-3.

Notes:

This is one of the first coins to have an exclusive Christian reverse design. The Chi-Rho represents the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek. The Alpha and the Omega on either side refer to Christ being the beginning and the end. Hence in the Book of Revelation: 'I am the beginning and the end'. These coins had no silver content and were outlawed by decree in 354. Sometimes, smaller coins were made by cutting discs out of these pieces.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: retained by finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: AD 352

Date to: AD 353

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 2.49 g

Diameter: 19.32 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 4th November 2007

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mrs Jennifer Moss

Identified by: Ms Ros Tyrrell

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Aylesbury Vale](#) (District)

To be known as: Quarrendon

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Weekend Wanderers event at Quarrendon

Current location: retained by finder

General landuse: Cultivated land

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