# **COIN HOARD**

AD 402-6

Unique ID: SF-7E2A03
Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published
Two fourth-early fifth century ad gold solidii. The coins were issued by Honorius (AD 393-423), the last legitimate emperor to hold sway over Roman Britain. One coin is from the mint of Milan, the other from Ravenna (the latter exhibiting typical plough damage sometimes seen on coins that have undergone archaeological burial)
They are of the same period and from the same findspot as a previous discovery of six gold solidi bringing the total to eight pieces:
Summary:
Period
AD 388-95
Theodosius I 1
Valentinian II 1
AD 395-402
Arcadius 1 Honorius 3
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Honorius 2

total 8

Metal content?

At this period great efforts were made by the Romans to refine gold and silver for their coinage (they carried mint-markings guaranteeing the processes) and such coins were usually as pure as was then technologically possible (i.e. greater than 95%).

Conclusion

On the balance of probabilities, therefore, it can be concluded that these coins belong together as a hoard and constitute a prima facie case of treasure by being precious metal coins of an antiquity greater than 300 years and are of one find of two or more pieces. They are most probably part of the previous Woodbridge find which now totals eight gold coins of the  $4^{th}$  -  $5^{th}$  century AD.

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#### **Subsequent actions**

Current location of find: Colchester and Ipswich Museum Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

### **Treasure details**

Treasure case tracking number: 2008 T145

## Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN Period from: ROMAN Date from: AD 388 Date to: AD 402

## **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 6

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st February 2008

#### Personal details

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#### Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2008 T145

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Gold Completeness: Complete

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: Eastern (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a href="Suffolk">Suffolk</a> (County)

District: <u>Suffolk Coastal</u> (District) To be known as: Great Glemham

# **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

# **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Colchester and Ipswich Museum

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined