

COIN

Unique ID: CAM-998537

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Half of a silver short-cross penny of Henry II (1154-1189) or Henry III (1216-1272). Obverse: forward facing bust with beard and sceptre held to left of head in the outer circle. In the outer circle (clockwise) there is a single pellet followed by an 'R', which lays below the chin of the bust, then the base of the Sceptre, a hand grasping the sceptre and 'E' are obscured by wear to the coin surface. The 'X' is visible, followed by a single pellet and the rest of the shaft and then head of the sceptre and finally part of the 'H'. The head of the sceptre has a single pellet to each end of the cross. When looking at the obverse, the coin has been cut in half with only the 5 o'clock to 11 o'clock part present. Legend reads ·R[E]X·H . Reverse: The centre of the coin contains a voided cross whose arms do not extend beyond the inner circle with a Quatrefoil in each quarter formed between the arms. Some parts of the legend are worn to such an extent that it is not possible to make out any of the letter, other parts are clear enough to see part of a letter but not to visible enough to determine what the letters are. Legend reads [...]E[...]RA[...]. It seems possible that there is a cross pattée (depicted in this text as +) between the E and R, if this is the case then the top or orientation of the coin is known and it therefore seems to be the same as the example for Class 6b1 (VIb1 or Vibi) in Wren, C. 1992 p.56, meaning that the legend present is [VND]E+RA[V]. If this deduction is correct the moneyer would be Ravf, Ravlf or Ravl and the mint would be London. The reverse contains a score just 0.44mm to the side of the straight edge indicating that the coin was not cut in half on the first attempt. The coin has not been cut directly down the centre of the central void but along the outer edge of the arm (i.e. the void, all of one half and the majority of the other half arm of the cross have been cut away). Die axis was initially thought to be impossible to determine due to lack of identification of the reverse legend, however if the above deduction is true this would make the axis 4 o'clock. Dimensions: diameter 19.79mm, thickness 0.51mm, weight 0.62g.

Evidence of reuse: None

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 1154

Date to: AD 1272

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 0.51 mm

Weight: 0.62 g

Diameter: 19.79 mm

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Huntingdonshire](#) (District)

To be known as: Sawtry Area

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.