

TOKEN

Unique ID: LON-98AB36

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Medieval - Post Medieval lead alloy token (15th - early 16th century). Cross and Pellets series, London manufacture.

Obverse: IHC within a broad oblique ray border

Obverse inscription: None

Reverse: Cross with three pellets in each quarter inside a linear circle; the whole enclosed with a broad oblique ray border. Rays have the same orientation on obverse and reverse.

Reverse inscription: None

Dimensions: diameter: 11.82mm; weight: 0.85g.

Reference: Mitchiner, M. and Skinner, A. 1984. English Tokens C.1425 - 1672. In Challis, C. and Blackburn, M. The British Numismatic Journal Volume 54 1985. p.94 and 146 no 63.

Notes:

The Cross and Pellets Series of tokens are only known in London and Paris These tokens have been found associated with coins of Henry VI through to Henry VII and it is thought production ended in 1490 but the continued in circulation into the 16th century.

All London examples have the rays orientated in the same direction on the obverse and reverse, the Paris examples show different orientations (Mitchiner & Skinner 1984:94).

John Clark: IHC = first three letters of Jesus in Greek Iota-Eta-Sigma. In the Medieval period this changed to be a Latin abbreviation for Jesus Homine Salvator - Jesus Saviour of Mankind. In black lettering the H changed from the capital to the lower case with a cross through the upright.

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Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 0.85 g

Diameter: 11.82 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st December 2009

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Felicity Winkley

Identified by: Mrs Kate Sumnall

Secondary identifier: Mr John Clark

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [Newham](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Canning Town North](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3981

Four figure Latitude: 51.51083702

Four figure longitude: 0.00162938

1:25K map: TQ3981

1:10K map: TQ38SE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst searching the Thames foreshore.

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Running water

Mitchiner, M. and Skinner, A., 1984 [English tokens: c.1425 to 1672](#) London: British Numismatic

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