

COIN HOARD

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Eighty sceattas of varying types, forming the Aldborough Hoard. These small silver coins represent the earliest native English silver coinage and date from circa 675 to the middle of the eighth century. They were scattered over a small area, about 30m by 30m, and clearly represent a hoard or part of a hoard dispersed at some point in the past.

The first 65 (reported as 2010T234) have been published (A. B. Marsden in *Yorkshire Numismatist* 4, 2012). Nos. 66-70, found during 2012, represent an addendum to earlier batches. Nos. 71-5, found during November 2014, and no. 76, found in the summer of 2015, appear to have been reported together as 2015T22. Four more, nos. 77-80, were recovered in August 2017 and reported as 2017T801.

The full catalogue of the entire hoard to August 2017 appears in tabular format below. Also see NMS-C67555 (2018T833), a further single coin.

Catalogue Number	Series/type	Weight	Notes	Original number
1	A3	1.23g	56	
2	BIA/C	1.25g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 3	1
3	BIA/C	1.16g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 2	54
4	BIA/C	1.19g	60	
5	BIA/C (copy)	1.24g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 6	62
6	BIA/C (copy)	1.10g	Fragmentary. Obverse and reverse die-links with 5	47
7	BII	1.26g	2	
8	BII	1.25g	3	
9	BII	1.18g	49	
10	BZ	1.25g	4	
11	C1	1.16g	8	
12	C1	1.21g	44	
13	C1	1.04g	64	
14	C1 (inverted)	1.22g	5	
15	C1 (inverted)	1.20g	7	
16	C2	1.25g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 17	61
17	C2	1.21g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 16	63
18	C2	1.21g	6	
19	C2	1.14g	9	
20	C (with garbled runes?)	1.20g	45	
21	R2	1.22g	Reverse die-link with 22	10
22	R2	1.21g	Reverse die-link with 21	11

23	R2	1.16g	12	
24	R2	1.11g	57	
25	Aldfrith	1.20g	13	
26	Fbiii (Metcalf sub-variety 14)	1.14g	19	
27	Fbiii (Metcalf sub-variety 14)	1.26g	20	
28	Fbii	1.20g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 29-31, reverse die-link with 32	14
29	Fbii	1.17g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 28, 30-31 reverse die-link with 32	15
30	Fbii	1.24g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 28-29, 30, reverse die-link with 32	16
31	Fbii	1.16g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 28-30, reverse die-link with 32	17
32	Fbii	1.24g	Reverse die-link with 28-31	18
33	Fd	0.96g	Fragmentary, obverse and reverse die-link with 67	52
34	VERNVS (group 1, E)	1.10g	22	
35	VERNVS (group 1, F)	1.24g	21	
36	VERNVS (group 1, F)	1.17g	51	
37	VERNVS (group 2, C)	1.23g	23	
38	D (type 2C)	1.24g	Obverse die-link with 39	24
39	D (type 2C)	1.19g	Obverse die-link with 38	25
40	D (type 2C)	1.16g	Obverse die-link with 41	30
41	D (type 2C)	1.23g	Obverse die-link with 40	48
42	D (type 2C)	1.22g	26	
43	D (type 2C)	1.25g	27	
44	D (type 2C)	1.36g	28	
45	D (type 2C)	1.21g	29	
46	D (type 2C)	1.26g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 68	58
47	D (type 2C)	1.21g	65	
48	D (type 8)	1.21g	Very similar obverse die to 51	31
49	D (type 8)	1.23g	32	
50	D (type 8)	1.19g	33	
51	D (type 8)	1.27g	Very similar obverse die to 48	34
52	D (type 8)	0.83g	Broken half	35
53	D (type 8)	1.22g	50	
54	E (G1)	1.20g	36	
55	E (G1)	1.22g	37	
56	E (G1)	1.10g	38	
57	E (G1)	1.24g	39	
58	E (G1)	1.22g	46	
59	E (G1)	1.38g	53	
60	E (G2)	1.22g	40	

61	E (G3)	1.23g	41	
62	E (G3)	1.26g	59	
63	E (G3)	1.24g	42	
64	E (G3)	1.19g	43	
65	E (G3)	1.21g	55	
66	B	1.17g	66	
67	Fd	1.18g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 33	67
68	D (type 2C)	1.26g	Obverse and reverse die-links with 46	70
69	D (type 2C)	1.22g	68	
70	E (G3)	1.15g	69	

Date: Most of the coins are in excellent condition, evidence that most were of no great age when deposited. Given the particular coins represented this deposition can be dated to a very few years later than the deposition of the Aston Rowant (Oxon) hoard. Since Aston Rowant dated to around 705-10, the North Norfolk group was most likely lost or concealed about 710-715.

71. Series BIB 1.12g

72. Series BII 1.18g

73. Series C2 1.19g

74. Series G3 1.24g

75. Series G4 1.09g

76. Series BII 1.17g

77. Irregular Series B, weight

78. Series D, type 8, weight

79. Series D, type 8, weight

80. BMC type 10, Bust right with Runic inscription of APA in front, reverse quilled crescent forming bust, TILV in front

Notes:

There is clearly another Treasure case associated with the Aldborough Hoard, covering the five coins found in 2012 (nos. 66-70) but its case number has yet to be identified. The Treasure Annual Reports for 2012 and 2013 do not contain an entry for Aldborough. Norwich Castle Museum records state that an original group of 43 coins was found over an area of 30 x 30m, with the additional 37 coins coming to light as a result of intensive metal-detecting in subsequent years.

This record therefore covers Treasure case nos. 2010T234, 2015T22 and 2017T801; see NMS-C67555 (2018T833) for a further single coin.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: National importance

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Norwich Castle Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2010T234

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 675

Date to: Circa AD 715

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 76

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st April 2010 - Monday 31st December 2012

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 55269

Treasure case number: 2010T234

Museum accession number: 2018.286

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Completeness: Uncertain

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [North Norfolk](#) (District)

To be known as: North Norfolk

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (From FLO)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Norwich Castle Museum