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Unique ID: GLO-A8A3F5

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Gold Semissis of Justin II (565-78). Mint of Sicily

Obverse. D N IVSTI - NVS P P AVI; Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right
Rev. VICTORIA AVGGG; Victory seated right, inscribing shield; to right, reversed barred-rho
Mintmark: * -//CONOB

W. Hahn, Money of the Incipient Byzantine Empire, Vol II, no. 24a British Museum Catalogue no. 290.

The only semissis of this period to be found in Britain. As it was minted in Sicily, it is quite possible that it arrived as a result of trade via the Straits of Gibraltar or the River Garonne.

Notes:

Some coins from this issue are dated, but we cannot give a precise date for this piece.

Find of note status

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

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: BYZANTINE

Period from: BYZANTINE

Date from: Post AD 565

Date to: Ante AD 578

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 0.9 mm

Weight: 2.2 g

Diameter: 18 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st September 2010 - Monday 15th November 2010

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: 3884

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Bath and North East Somerset](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Bath and North East Somerset](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Kelston

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Hahn, W., 2000 [Money of the Incipient Byzantine Empire](#) Vienna; ISBN 3-95005: University of Vienna , 24a