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Unique ID: WMID-9A8817

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A silver medieval Venetian soldino, probably of Francesco Foscari, doge from 1423 to 1457. The obverse depicts the Doge kneeling left and holding a banner, and reads FR[A.FOSCA]RI DVX, with the mint control KQ to the right. The reverse depicts the winged and nimbate lion of St Mark facing within a circle, holding book of gospels and reads [S.MARC]VS VENETI.

Notes:

As the coin is somewhat worn and damaged, attribution to Doge Francesco Foscari is based on the only legible letters of the Doge's name, R and I. However, Foscari appears to be the only Doge whose name ends with these letters, making him the most likely candidate.

In Daubney's 2009 paper on the circulation of Venetian coinage in late Medieval England, Daubney records no known examples of Foscari's coinage from Britain (Daubney 2009, 187). Assuming that the attribution is correct, this coin is therefore of some importance.

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: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1423

Date to: Circa AD 1457

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 0.45 mm

Weight: 0.4 g

Diameter: 11.63 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 7th November 2010

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Lichfield](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Drayton Bassett](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP1999

Four figure Latitude: 52.588475

Four figure longitude: -1.720984

1:25K map: SP1999

1:10K map: SP19NE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Daubney, A., 2009 [*The circulation and prohibition of Venetian soldini in late medieval England*](#)

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