# **COIN**

Unique ID: BH-7ACDB2

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A silver penny of Ecgberht of Wessex (802-839). This would appear to be a previously unrecorded coin type. The obverse is as North's 'Portrait Type', no. 576, minted in Rochester between c. 825 and c. 828. The moneyer is Ethelmod, who is a known moneyer of North 576; however, the reverse image is not as that in 576 (a cross with a wedge in each angle), but *is* a match for the **obverse** of North no. 582, a 'Non-portrait Type' of c. 828-c. 839, the form of which is a cross pattee on a cross saltire with a lozenge centre.

The coin is damaged, is missing a small portion and there is some adhering copper corrosion. The surfaces, however, show little sign of wear. The diameter is 19.9mm, the thickness is 0.5mm and the weight is 1.17g.

Mark Blackburn and Rory Naismith (pers. comm.) confirm this to be a new coin type for Ecgberht of Wessex. According to Dr. Naismith, "The distinction between 'early' and 'late' Rochester pennies of Ecgberht is very tentative, and this new find only adds to the complications: it combines a 'late' obverse type (used here on the reverse) with an 'early' bust. Consequently it could be transitional, or an indication that a variety of portrait and non-portrait designs were used side by side across the period 825-839".

### **Notes:**

Also recorded on EMC as 2011.0057

# Find of note status

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

Class: Penny Sub class: North 576/582

### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

# Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 825 Date to: Circa AD 839

# **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 0.5 mm Weight: 1.17 g Diameter: 19.9 mm

# **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 9th January 2011

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

### Other reference numbers

Other reference: Ver 11/11; EMC2011.0057

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: Eastern (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a>Essex</a> (County)

District: <u>Uttlesford</u> (District)
To be known as: Chrishall

# **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: From a paper map

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

North, J.J., 1994 English Hammered Coinage: Volume I. Early Anglo-Saxon to Henry III, c. 600-1272

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