COIN

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Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

Gold stater of Anarevitos(?) of Kent, c. 10 BC - AD 20. Unique and unpublished.

Obv. Crossed wreath design, with opposed central crescents; EPPI inscription

Rev. Horseman right; ANA (or AVA) above (AN/AV monogram) and REVITO below

Weight: 5.43gms; Diameter: 19.3mm

This is a completely unique coin offering the first evidence of a British Iron Age ruler or king called Anarevito(s) or Avarevito(s). The obverse is inscribed EPPI (Eppillus), who is known from other coins (ABC 384-429; 1145-78), while the reverse inscription refers to a figure unattested in the Roman historical sources and by early coin finds. The style of the coin, and the association with Eppillus, suggest that Anarevito(s) ruled in Kent between about 10 BC-AD 20.

Comparisons with contemporary gold staters suggest that where two individuals are named on a coin, it is the person on the reverse who was the primary issuing authority, with the obverse legend usually an expression of their lineage.

In his account of the invasions of Britain in 55/54 BC, Julius Caesar refers to the four kings of Kent, suggesting that the area was divided into a number of smaller kingdoms. It is usually considered that these quickly amalgamated, to form the 'Cantii' or 'Cantiaci', before falling under the influence of powerful kings from other parts of south-eastern England, most notably Cunobelin (c. AD 10-40). Several other new Kentish rulers have come to light in the last 15 years, indicating that the area may have remained divided into separate kingdoms well into the first century AD.

(CCI 10.2856)

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: For inclusion in British Numismatic Journal 'Coin Register'

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: The British Museum Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by a museum - not a Treasure case

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE Period from: IRON AGE Period to: IRON AGE Date from: Circa 10 BC Date to: Circa AD 20

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Weight: 5.43 g Diameter: 19.3 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 4th September 2010

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: CCI 10.2856; Museum accession number: 2011,4037.1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold Manufacture method: Struck or hammered Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>South East</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Kent</u> (County) District: <u>Dover</u> (District) To be known as: Dover region

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector Current location: The British Museum