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Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Silver half penny of Richard III (1483-85), struck in London. The initial mark is Sun and Rose (North Variant SR2). The coin has been pierced by a single untrimmed punch hole which has been struck from the reverse through to the obverse. The hole is circular and positioned through the three coinjoined pellets in the first quarter; this is through the right side or the crown and right eye on the obverse.

References:

Withers: 1a

North:1688

Seaby / Spink: 2171

Note on Findspot:

The find was made in Newport, near to this is Muster Hill, which is locally famed as being a rallying point for troops / men loyal to Henry Tudor (Henry VII). These met at Muster Hill, Newport on his march from Wales to Bosworth Field in 1485

Dr John Naylor (Finds Advisor - post Roman Coinage) Comments:

Richard III coins are rare, as of Nov. 2011 we've recorded 91 on the PAS database, which is small number for the period :comparitively we have 1187 Edward IVs and 823 Henry VIIs. Their rarity is obviously due to the length of Richard's reign and the short space of time for minting.

Laura Burnett (FLO for Somerset) Comments:

On the piercing of the coin: "two things that occurred to me was that sentiment for the Yorkist cause did continue after this date so [the piercing] could be after the battle.The fact it is the smallest denomination might argue for it being used as a badge - readily available and not too expensive, but it is not that visible and spotting it is Richard III rather than Henry VI for example takes good eyesight. It could also be your emergency money rather than necessarily concealed from robbers".

Notes:

Sincere thanks are extended to Dr Naylor and Laura Burnett for their comments on this coin

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Evidence of reuse: pierced

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1483

Date to: Circa AD 1485

Period of reuse: MEDIEVAL

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 0.27 g

Diameter: 13.5 mm

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Peter Reavill

Identified by: Mr Peter Reavill

Secondary identifier: Dr John Naylor

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Telford and Wrekin](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Telford and Wrekin](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Newport

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m