

COIN HOARD

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

In August 2003 members of the Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project (S.H.A.R.P.) discovered 20 Iron Age gold coins concealed within or associated with a cowbone, using a metal-detector in the course of archaeological excavation. The objects were brought to the British Museum for examination on 22 September. 19 further coins were discovered in the vicinity.

All 39 coins belong to the same type. They are so-called 'Gallo-Belgic E' staters, made in the first century BC, probably in northern France. These coins are frequently found in southern Britain where they circulated in large numbers, and where they may also been produced. The coins are made from an alloy of mostly gold and silver, but appear gold.

In the same area since 1997 seven coins of the same type have previously been found by members of the Sedgeford Project. They have all been disclaimed.

As there is clear evidence that the coins were originally buried concealed within the cowbone, it is apparent that they all belong to the same find deposited in antiquity, and that they therefore constitute a prima facie case of Treasure.

Notes:

The coins fall under the Treasure Act 1996 as they are all more than 300 years old, and there are more than 10 coins in the find, so their precious metal content does not have to be considered

More information on the hoard and on SHARP can be found on their website, <https://www.sharp.org.uk/copy-of-the-history-of-the-project>.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: King's Lynn Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2003T181

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: IRON AGE

Date from: Circa 100 BC

Date to: Circa 1 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 39

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 12th August 2003

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2003T181

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [King's Lynn and West Norfolk](#) (District)

To be known as: Sedgeford

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on parish

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Archaeological survey

Current location: King's Lynn Museum