

COIN WEIGHT

Unique ID: SOM-E96F91

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy weight for a half Ryal (Rose Noble). The weight is circular and flat with a raised design on one side only. The design is of the king with sword and square topped shield standing in a ship with rectangular bow and stern and a rose on the side of the ship. It is 14.2mm in diameter, 3.2mm thick and weighs 3.55 grams, 54.8 grains.

A full weight half ryal would have weighed 60 grains (Withers and Withers 1995, 68) but weights were normally made to the legal minimum weight which was slightly less and can lose weight through corrosion processes, the edges of this example are also slightly flattened in places. Ryals were only issued 1464-1470 AD although they circulated for longer (Withers and Withers 1995, 19); however later weights tend to be square so this example probably dates to 1464-1500 AD.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1464

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 3.2 mm

Weight: 3.55 g

Diameter: 14.2 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 22364

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Sedgemoor](#) (District)

To be known as: Chedzoy

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Withers, P. and Withers, B.R., 1995 [Lions Ships and Angels: Identifying Coin-Weights Found in Britain](#) Llanfyllin: Galata Print 19, 68