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Unique ID: LON-0EB7D4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A post medieval tin halfpenny of James II dating between AD1685-1687. The obverse depicts a laureate and cuirassed bust of the king in profile facing right. The inscription reads "IACOBVS.SECVNDVS". The reverse depicts a seated Britannia and the inscription reads "BRITANNIA".

The coin has a central square perforation that would have been filled with a copper alloy plug, which is missing. <http://www.coins-of-the-uk.co.uk/farth.html>: "In 1684 the farthing was issued in tin with a copper plug in the centre.[...] These are scarce coins in as good condition as that illustrated because of tin disease. This is caused by the fact that below 13.2°C the metallic form or allotrope of tin tends to turn into the non-metallic form which appears as a grey powder. Also, tin is soft and wears readily. Tin was chosen to bolster the tin mining industry, and the bimetallic form was intended to discourage forgery (but failed in its purpose)."

Parallels can be found on the PAS database: LANCUM-2CD3D0, SUR-A82417, LEIC-68C2D3 and LEIC-68DCF4

Dimensions: diameter: 30.11 mm; weight: 10.26g.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1685

Date to: Circa AD 1687

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 10.26 g

Diameter: 30.11 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Tin or tin alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [Southwark](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Rotherhithe](#) (London Borough Ward)

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