COIN WEIGHT

Unique ID: SWYOR-C1B6B6

Object type certainty: Probably Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper alloy coin or bullion weight dating from the post-medieval period AD1700-1770. It is uniface, circular and flat; the upper surface is inscribed with a numeral 6 above the letter S.

At 2,63 grams in weight it is closest to the coin weight used to weigh the Portuguese quarter moidore (2.66gm) which circulated in England with a value of 6 shillings and 9 pence. The coin weights are usually marked S over 6 and D over 9, but on this example, the 6 is over the S and the D and 9 are missing.

An alternative explanation is that the coin is marked S over 9, though the S looks to be the wrong way up when read this way. Another Portugese coin, the escudo or quarter joe circulated in England with a value of 9 shillings. If the weight is to measure a quarter joe, it should have a mass of 3.58g. The weight is corroded and worn, so it could have lost mass. Either way, the stamping of the weight has not been done well.

It is 15.2mm in diameter and 1.9mm thick.

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Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Subperiod from: Late Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1700 Date to: Circa AD 1770

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Thickness: 1.9 mm Weight: 2.63 g Diameter: 15.2 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st September 2013 - Monday 30th September 2013

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: PAS form number 2118

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Yorkshire and the Humber</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>North Yorkshire</u> (County) District: <u>Craven</u> (District) Parish or ward: <u>Horton in Ribblesdale</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SD8075 Four figure Latitude: 54.17040026 Four figure longitude: -2.30785348 1:25K map: SD8075 1:10K map: SD87NW Grid reference source: From finder Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Grassland, Heathland