COIN

Unique ID: BERK-1B97C1

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete but worn tin farthing of James II dating to AD 1685-1687 (James died in 1688). The tin farthing is complete with the copper alloy plug (although this appears white like lead) still in the centre. The coin is corroded but part of the external inscription edge remains however this is mostly unreadable. The obverse and reverse are clear enough to read most of the inscriptions. Tin farthings were first issued in 1684 under Charles II to help boost the tin industry, with the copper alloy plug intending to discourage forgery but it failed in its purpose (http://www.coins-of-the-uk.co.uk/farth.html). These coins were only issued for a few years and as such are uncommon finds. Spink (2006) No. 3421.

Notes:

This was found with another tin farthing of Charles II (database number BERK-F25E45).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Exactly AD 1685 Date to: Circa AD 1687

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 2 mm Weight: 5.7 g Diameter: 21 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st January 2014 - Monday 24th March 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2013.913

Materials and construction

Primary material: Tin or tin alloy Manufacture method: Milled Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Oxfordshire (County)

District: <u>South Oxfordshire</u> (District) Parish or ward: <u>Newington</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU6196

Four figure Latitude: 51.65948289 Four figure longitude: -1.11953322

1:25K map: SU6196 1:10K map: SU69NW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land