

COIN

Unique ID: GAT-79D9E1

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Sub-circular struck copper alloy coin. The obverse contains a very crude stylised diademed (crowned), or possibly helmeted, head facing right. It is difficult to interpret the head, however there is what appears to be a faint band extending over the head from front to back which may be a stylised crest. There is also a small structure just behind the jaw which may be a crude ear guard although it may equally be a very poorly formed ear. There is possibly part of a legend visible above the head which may read: **LIII**.

The reverse is even more difficult to decipher. The main element is a very crude or stylised seated(?) figure along the right edge of the coin with various raised lines and lumps immediately to the left. Along the left edge is what may be part of a legend. This isn't very legible, an 'X' can be made out and possibly an 'E' either side of it. With the eye of faith, it is possible that it reads: **EXERC**. There is also what appears to be the remains of a raised lip around part of the edge of the coin which is out of alignment with this legend. Photos of the coin were sent to Edward Besley at the National Museum of Wales who kindly interpreted the coin as:

....probably a 'fallen horseman' copy. These are irregular coins from the 350s, copying coins of Constantius II with reverse FEL TEMP REPARATIO and a soldier spearing a fallen barbarian horseman. They come in all shapes and sizes and are sometimes overstruck on earlier coins, so..... 'EXERC' could be part of Gloria EXERCitus.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 15.19 mm

Width: 14.67 mm

Thickness: 1.98 mm

Weight: 1.3 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: PRN 32843

Other reference: PAS2013-16-006

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Anglesey](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Isle of Anglesey](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Llaneilian](#) (Community)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SH4791

Four figure Latitude: 53.39360003

Four figure longitude: -4.30238003

1:25K map: SH4791

1:10K map: SH49SE

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