COIN

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A gold Iron Age North Eastern quarter-stater ('Lindsey Scyphate' type) of the Corieltavi dating to the period c. 60-30 BC. Cf. BMC, p. 175, nos 3187-3189; cf. ABC, p. 93, nos 1770 and 1773. The coin is only 0.5mm thick but has a noticeably concavo-convex flan.

Eleanor Ghey (Research Assistant at the British Museum) comments:

"This Iron Age gold coin is of a type known as a "scyphate stater" (from its dished shape). They are relatively rare finds, with around 54 examples recorded on the PAS database. This particular discovery is notable for being the most westerly recorded find of this type, which is more commonly found in Lincolnshire and surrounding counties, where it is likely to have been produced around 60 - 30 BC. Traditionally, this easterly area has been associated with the tribe known as the Corieltavi. Although less common outside their areas of manufacture, Iron Age coins did travel great distances; Corieltavian coins have recently been found in a hoard from Malpas in Cheshire. Scyphate coins are less commonly found in hoards and appear more often as isolated finds. There are only 13 Iron Age coins recorded on the PAS database from Derbyshire and this area did not produce its own coinage in the Iron Age.

"The thin, dished shape of these coins makes them unlike most other gold coins produced in the Iron Age, which tend to be flat and relatively chunky. Their weight corresponds to one quarter of the larger denomination known as the "stater" produced at this time. The obverse side depicts a highly stylised boar, an animal that also features on silver coins made in this region. Unusually, the reverse depicts an abstract S-shaped design rather than the horse more commonly found on Iron Age coins."

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE
Period from: IRON AGE
Period to: IRON AGE
Date from: Circa 60 BC
Date to: Circa 30 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Thickness: 4.2 mm
Weight: 1.41 g
Diameter: 16.3 mm

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Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Derby E8106

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Manufacture method: Struck or hammered
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: East Midlands (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Derbyshire (County)
District: Amber Valley (District)
Parish or ward: Belper (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SK3348
Four figure Latitude: 53.02827544
Four figure longitude: -1.50941411
1:25K map: SK3348
1:10K map: SK34NW
Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

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