

COIN HOARD

Unique ID: NMS-102704

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Summary:

Solidi: Constantius II AD 337-61, 4 (2 x Trier, 1x Aquileia, 1 x Thessalonica); Constans AD 337-50, 1 (Thessalonica); Decentius AD 351-3, 1 (Trier); Jovian AD 363-4, 1 (Constantinople); Valentinian I, joint reign with Valens, AD 364-7, 1 (Sirmium). Siliquae: Constantius II AD 337-61, 40 (19 x Lyon, 20 x Arles, 1 x irregular); Julian Caesar AD 355-60, 8 (Arles); Julian Augustus AD 360-3, 79 (13 x Trier, 23 x Lyon, 29 x Arles, 14 x irregular); Valens, joint reign with Valentinian I AD 364-7, 1 (Lyon)

CATALOGUE

Solidi (9)

Trier (3)

1. Decentius, reverse VICTORIA CAES LIB ROMANOR, Victory and Decentius, mintmark TR, RIC VIII, 279, AD351-3 (1)

2. Constantius II, reverse GLORIA REIPUBLICAE, mintmark TR, RIC VIII, 340, AD353-5 (1)

3. Constantius II, reverse GLORIA REIPUBLICAE, mintmark TR*, RIC VIII, 345, AD353-5 (1)
Aquileia (1)

4. Constantius II, reverse GLORIA REIPUBLICAE, Roma and Constantinopolis seated, mintmark SMAQ, RIC VIII, 210, AD355-61 (1)

Sirmium (1)

5. Valentinian I, reverse RESTITVTOR REIPUBLICAE, emperor standing holding Labarum and Victoriola, mintmark *SIRM, RIC IX, 1a, AD364 (1)

Thessalonica (3)

6. Constantius II, reverse VICTORIAE DD NN AVGG, mintmark TES, RIC VIII, 71, AD340-50 (1)

7. Constans, reverse VICTORIAE DD NN AVGG, mintmark TES, RIC VIII, 72, AD340-50 (1)

8. Valentinian I, reverse RESTITVTOR REIPUBLICAE, emperor holding labarum and Victoriola, RIC IX, 2a, AD364-7 (1)

Constantinople (1)

9. Jovian, reverse SECVRITAS REIPUBLICAE, Roma and Constantinopolis, mintmark CONSP, RIC VIII, 169, AD363-4 (1)

Siliquae (128)

Trier (13)

10. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTIS/ X in wreath, mintmark TR, RIC VIII, 364, AD360-3 (6)

11. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTIS/ X in wreath, mintmark TR[branch], RIC VIII, 365, AD360-3 (7)

Lyons (43)

12. Julian Augustus, reverse VICTORIA DD NN AVG, Victory left, mintmark LVG, RIC VIII, 212, AD360-1 (1)

13. Constantius II, reverse VICTORIA DD NN AVG, Victory left, mintmark LVG, RIC VIII, 214, AD360-1 (1)

14. Constantius II, reverse VOTIS/ XXX/ MVLTI/ XXXX in wreath, mintmark LVG, RIC VIII, 216, AD360-1 (15)
15. Constantius II, reverse VOTIS/ XXX/ MVLTI/ XXXX in wreath, mintmark LVG, RIC VIII, 217, AD360-1 (3)
16. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark LVG, RIC VIII, 218, AD360-1 (8)
17. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark LVG, RIC VIII, 219, AD360-1 (3)
18. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark PLVG, RIC VIII, 227, AD361-3 (6)
19. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLTI/ XX in wreath, mintmark SLVG, RIC VIII, 233, AD361-3 (2)
20. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLTI/ XX in wreath, mintmark PLVG, RIC VIII, 234, AD361-3 (1)
21. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLTI/ XX in wreath, mintmark SLVG, RIC VIII, 234, AD361-3 (1)
22. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLTI/ XX in wreath, mintmark [?]LVG, RIC VIII, 234, AD361-3 (1)
23. Valens, reverse RESTITVTOR REIP, emperor standing with Labarum and Victory on globe, RIC IX, 6e2, AD364-7 (1)
Arles (57)
24. Julian Caesar, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark TCON, RIC VIII, 263, AD355-60 (1)
25. Julian Caesar, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark TCON, RIC VIII, 264, AD355-60 (7)
26. Constantius II, reverse VOTIS/ XXX/ MVLTI/ XXXX in wreath, mintmark PCON, RIC VIII, 291, AD360-1 (9)
27. Constantius II, reverse VOTIS/ XXX/ MVLTI/ XXXX in wreath, mintmark SCON, RIC VIII, 291, AD360-1 (9)
28. Constantius II, reverse VOTIS/ XXX/ MVLTI/ XXXX in wreath, mintmark [?]CON, RIC VIII, 291, AD360-1 (2)
29. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark PCON, RIC VIII, 295, AD360-1 (2)
30. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark SCON, RIC VIII, 295, AD360-1 (2)
31. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark TCON, RIC VIII, 295, AD360-1 (6)
32. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark [?]CON, RIC VIII, 295, AD360-1 (1)
33. Julian Augustus, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVLTI/ X in wreath, mintmark TCON, RIC VIII, 297, AD360-1 (3)
34. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLT/ XX in wreath, mintmark PCONST, RIC VIII, 309, AD361-3 (2)
35. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLT/ XX in wreath, mintmark SCONST, RIC VIII, 309, AD361-3 (2)
36. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/X/ MVLT/ XX in wreath, mintmark TCONST, RIC VIII, 309, AD361-3 (6)
37. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLT/ XX in wreath, mintmark [?]CONST, RIC VIII, 309, AD361-3 (2)
38. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVLT/ XX in wreath, mintmark PCONST, RIC VIII, 310, AD361-3 (1)

39. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVL/ XX in wreath, mintmark SCONST, RIC VIII, 312, AD361-3 (1)
40. Julian Augustus, reverse VOT/ X/ MVL/ XX in wreath, mintmark TCONST, RIC VIII, 312, AD361-3 (1)

Irregular siliquae (15)

41. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P P AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ XXX/ MVL/ XX in wreath (appropriate to Constantius II), mintmark SCON
42. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P P AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOT/ X/ MVL/ XX in wreath, mintmark CONST
43. Julian, obverse D N CL IVLIANVS AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOT/ V/ MV/ X in wreath, mintmark TCON
44. Constantius II, obverse CONSTANTIVS P F AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X in wreath (appropriate to Julian), mintmark LVG,
45. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P P AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse AICTORIA D D N N AVG (sic), Victory left, mintmark LVG
46. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P P AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X in wreath, mintmark LVG
47. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIVNVS P F AVG (sic), Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X in wreath, mintmark LVD (sic)
48. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P AVG (sic), Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X (sic) in wreath, mintmark LVD (sic)
49. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P E AVG (sic), Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X (sic) in wreath, mintmark LVD (sic)
50. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P P AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOT/ V/ MVL/ X in wreath, mintmark LVG
51. Julian, obverse [...].AG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MV[...] in wreath, mintmark LV[...], weight
52. Julian, obverse FL CL IVL[...], Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X in wreath, mintmark LVG
53. Julian, obverse D N IVLIANVS P F AVG, Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X in wreath, mintmark TR
54. Julian, obverse FL CL IVLIANVS P P IVG (sic), Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTS/ V/ NVL/ X (sic) in wreath, mintmark off flan, crude style
55. Julian, obverse [...].ANVSP IC (sic), Diademed and draped bust right, reverse VOTIS/ V/ MVL/ X (sic) in wreath, mintmark illegible, very crude style

Notes:

Hoard of 9 gold solidi and 128 silver siliquae found scattered over an area of approximately 15 square metres. Some of the coins were concentrated in what might be described as an epicentre but digging and detecting failed to discover a further cache. Most of the coins were struck during the reign of Constantius II and Julian Caesar from c.AD355 until the death of Julian in 363. They have little wear. Three of the solidi are later, one of Jovian and two of Valentinian I. These three coins are best described as mint, having no real wear whatsoever. A single siliqua of Valens belonging to 364-7 has little wear.

The hoard, given its composition and the crisp example of the latest solidi, is unlikely to be later than the mid-360s. It is tempting, if speculative, to connect its deposition with the so-called Barbarian Conspiracy of 367.

The group of 15 irregular siliquae is interesting - these are early imitations and some share distinct

and unusual features such as the mintmark LVD and the reverse error MVLTS. Some of the group are probably local products.

For addenda see NMS-1A6962 / 2017T442

Two coins acquired by the British Museum: 2018,4070.1 & 2018,4070.2

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: British Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by a museum after being disclaimed as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2015T884

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 364

Date to: Circa AD 367

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 137

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st October 2015 - Friday 23rd October 2015

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mrs Erica Darch

Identified by: Dr Adrian Marsden

Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 60166

Other reference: IND23102015AR

Treasure case number: 2015T884

Museum accession number: 2018,4070.1 & 2018,4070.2

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Secondary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Uncertain

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Norfolk](#) (County)

District: [King's Lynn and West Norfolk](#) (District)

To be known as: West Norfolk

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: British Museum

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