

COIN HOARD

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

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5 AE radiates and 1496 nummi + pottery to AD 335. Treasure case 2016T325

Apart from five debased period of radiates of the previous century, the nummi range from AD 313-35, but as is often observed with hoards of this period, coinage prior to the reform of 318 is residual. The latest member of the imperial college present is represented by the coins of Constans, who from AD 333 was the last of Constantine the Great's sons to be recognised on the coinage. The hoard thus ends before the introduction of the 'GLORIA EXERCITVS' reverse type of two soldiers with a single standard between them. 40% of the hoard is made up of issues of AD 330-5 (GLORIA EXERCITVS with two standards and the associated 'Constantinian commemoratives' celebrating the twin capitals of Rome and Constantinople).

Full catalogue by Eleanor Ghey at British Museum.

Final summary by mint:

	London	Trier	Lyon	Arles	Rome	Ticinum	Aquileia	Siscia	Sirmium	Thessalonica	Heraclea	Constantinople	Nicomedia	Cyzicus	Uncertain mint	Irregular	Total
260-274	–	3	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	5
310-313	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
313-318	–	3	4	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	11
318-324	171	242	60	24	6	20	5	15	1	5	1	–	1	–	36	4	591
324-330	33	202	10	19	3	1	–	2	–	–	1	1	–	1	15	1	289
330-335	–	358	95	43	2	–	–	2	–	–	1	1	–	1	60	38	601
Uncertain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	3
Total	204	809	169	87	12	22	5	19	1	5	4	2	1	2	115	44	1501

Notes:

Some of the coins were lightly cleaned by the Department of Conservation and Scientific Research of the British Museum but their waterlogged condition rendered them very soft and friable. At least 36 friable grey-ware pottery fragments were discovered with the coins alongside a small fragment of metalworking debris (undiagnostic and unclear if part of hoard). After cleaning, small find 17, one of the four bagged coins turned out to be a button and SF 9 was a stone, [2] SF 2 was mud containing small fragments of copper alloy.

Initial summary:

Radiates of AD 269-74:

Divus Claudius, 1

Victorinus, 2

Tetricus I, 1

Nummi of AD 313-35:

SOLI INVICTO COMITI, 6

MARTI CONSERVATORI, 1
 GENIO POP ROM, 2
 VICTORIAE LAET(AE) PRINC PERP, 19
 VIRTVS EXERCIT, 36
 ROMAE AETERNAE, 1
 BEAT(A) TRANQ(VIL)LITAS (altar), 244
 SARMATIA DEVICTA, 50
 D N CONSTANTINI MAX AVG / CAESARVM NOSTRORVM (vota in wreath), 183
 IOVI CONSERVATORI (Jupiter, eagle and captive), 2
 SPES REIPVBLICAE (Fausta), 18
 PROVIDENTIAE AVGG/CAESS (camp gate), 227
 SECVRITAS REIPVBLICE (Helena), 14
 GLORIA EXERCITVS (2 standards), 215
 VRBS ROMA (Wolf and twins), 125
 CONSTANTINOPOLIS (Victory on prow), 142

Irregular nummi:

BEAT(A) TRANQ(VIL)LITAS (altar), 1
 D N CONSTANTINI MAX AVG / CAESARVM NOSTRORVM, 2
 GLORIA EXERCITVS (2 standards), 14
 VRBS ROMA, 12
 CONSTANTINOPOLIS (Victory on prow), 13

illegible nummi, 176

Preliminary summary by excavated groups:

Period	Denomination	Emperor (R = radiates) Reverse type (N = nummi and fractions)	Bottom layer main	Middle main	Top main	Main scatter	Finders 'clump'	Finders bucket	Bucket SF	TOTAL
260-274	R	Divus Claudius		1						1
	R	Victorinus	1				1			2
	R	Tetricus I		1						1
313-318	N	SOLI INVICTO COMITI	3	1			2			6
	N	MARTI CONSERVATORI	1							1
	N	GENIO POP ROM					2			2

318-324	N	VICTORIAE LAET(AE) PRINC PERP	6	4	2		4	2	1	19
	N	VIRTUS EXERCIT	8	9	3	1	7	7	1	36
	N	ROMAE AETERNAE	1							1
	N	BEAT(A) TRANQ(VIL)LITAS (altar)	49	80	28	5	49	29	4	244
	N	SARMATIA DEVICTA	11	13	7		9	8	2	50
	N	D N CONSTANTINI MAX AVG / CAESARVM NOSTRORVM (vota in wreath)	28	46	21	1	42	34	11	183
	N	IOVI CONSERVATORI (Jupiter, eagle and captive)					1[1]	1[2]		2
	N	SPES REIPUBLICAE (Fausta)	3	4	6	1	1	3		18
324-330	N	PROVIDENTIAE AVGG/CAESS (camp gate)	58	45	24	3	51	37	9	227
	N	SECVRITAS REIPUBLICAE (Helena)	1	6	3		2		2	14
330-335	N	GLORIA EXERCITVS (2 standards)	48	70[3]	25	2	37	30	3	215
	N	VRBS ROMA (Wolf and twins)	29	39	10	2	25	14	6	125
	N	CONSTANTINOPOLIS (Victory on prow)	28	44	13	2	31	18	6	142
irregular	N	BEAT(A) TRANQ(VIL)LITAS (altar)					1			1
	N	D N CONSTANTINI MAX AVG / CAESARVM NOSTRORVM	1				1			2
	N	GLORIA EXERCITVS (2 standards)	3	5	1		3	2		14
	N	VRBS ROMA	1	4	2		4	1		12
	N	CONSTANTINOPOLIS (Victory on prow)	3	8	1		1			13
?		illegible						133	43	176
			283	380	146	17	274	319	88	1507

[1] Coin of Martinian (image on PAS record)

[2] Coin of Licinius II

[3] Incl. one coin of Constans

Block lifted for micro-excavation at the British Museum. One large block and 2 smaller clods. Large block recorded in layers. Waterlogged coins initially very soft, requiring careful manual cleaning.

At least 36 friable greyware pottery fragments, together with organic fibres were also recovered alongside the coins

1 x Coin of Martinian from the small 'clod'

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: National Museums Liverpool & Congleton Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2016T325

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 300

Date to: Circa AD 335

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1501

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 18th April 2016

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2016T325

Museum accession number: MOL.2018.75.1-503

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [North West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Cheshire East](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Cheshire East](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Poole

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: National Museums Liverpool & Congleton Museum

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined