# **COIN**

**Unique ID:** HESH-207BB4

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Crown 'Gun Money' of James II 1690.

Obverse: King on prancing horse advancing left with drawn sword. Inscription: IACOBVS II BRI FRA ET HIB REX.

Reverse: Central crown with four square shields surrounding, one on each axis. The shields bare the heraldic devices of (Clockwise) England (three lions - passant), Scotland (Lion -rampant), France (three fluer-de-lys) and Ireland (Harp). The Scottish shield is barely visible. Above the crown on either side of the English Shield is ANO DOM. And beneath the crown either side of the French Shield is 16 90. Inscription: 90 MAG BR ET /ORE TRI/VMPHO.

This coin has been restruck from a half crown to a crown. Parts of the original half crown design and inscription are still visible through the later striking and this explains the differences in the inscription which varies from the standard issue. This restriking is due to a shortage of metal late in 1690 causing James II to reduce the size of the half crowns and shillings, the old halfcrowns were also restruck as crowns.

On the obverse the nose and the back of the head from the original half crown are clearly visible and the inscription is garbled. The half crown legend should read IACOBUS REX DEI GRATIA and the crown inscription should read IAC II DEI GRA MAG BRI FRA ET HIB REX.

The reverse is similarly distorted as the second striking is poor. The elements which show through from the original are the two diagonal septres which pass through the central crown and the R on the right hand side of the crown. The reverse half crown inscription should read: Date (1690) MAG BR FRA ET HIB REX and the crown inscription should read: CHRISTO VICTORE TRIVMPHO.

Class: Gun Money

### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

### Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Date from: AD 1690

### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1 Weight: 11.82 g Diameter: 32.5 mm

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 10th May 2004

#### **Personal details**

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: West Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: **Shropshire** (Unitary Authority)

District: <u>Shropshire</u> (Unitary Authority) Parish or ward: <u>Culmington</u> (Civil Parish)

## **Spatial coordinates**

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Four figure Latitude: 52.424405 Four figure longitude: -2.780828

1:25K map: SO4781 1:10K map: SO48SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Seaby, P., 1984 Coins of Scotland, Ireland and the Islands: Standard Catalogue of British Coins,

Volume 2 Spink and Son Ltd 155, 6577