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An incomplete silver blanc au soleil of Louis XI of France (1461-83), minted at Lyon (Duplessy 553) in 1475. Ref: Duplessy 1988:252.

The coin has been pierced, 3.48mm in diameter, to the left of the tressure, and is ridged on the obverse but not on the reverse.

The coin is incomplete, chipped around much of the edge with some areas of inscription no longer surviving.

The obverse depicts three fleur de lis enclosed in a doubled ringed, three arched tressure. At the top of the tressure is a sun. The tressure is enclosed in a ring, around which are the remains of the obverse legend. On the reverse, a cross is enclosed in a double arched quatrefoil. The pierced hole emerges on the bottom right of the cross on the reverse. In total, the coin measures 25.35mm in diameter and weighs 2.05g.

Notes:

Single coins do not normally come under Treasure Act 1996 but those which have been modified, possibly converting them from a coin into an object, can be considered as such, and this may include pierced coins. Pierced coins dating pre-1180AD are automatically considered as Treasure but post-1180AD we have to apply more scrutiny because coins were pierced in order to take them out of circulation as currency as well as for modification into objects such as pendants. In this case the piercing although a regular round shape is not oriented on the design of either obverse or reverse and has not been neatened leaving a ridge around the hole on one side. As such, rather than modification for conversion of the coin into a pendant or other form of jewellery it is possible the coin was pierced to mark it as outside of the circulating currency and would not constitute a Treasure find.

Further information on pierced coins and the Treasure Act can be found at:

<https://finds.org.uk/treasure/advice/piercedcoins>

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1475

Date to: Exactly AD 1475

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 2.05 g

Diameter: 25.35 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 5013

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Wylve](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU0037

Four figure Latitude: 51.13227534

Four figure longitude: -2.00137886

1:25K map: SU0037

1:10K map: SU03NW

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.