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A copper-alloy post-medieval Irish 'hibernia' halfpenny of James II, dating to AD 1691. HIBERNIA reverse, depicting Hibernia seated left and holding a cross.

These 'hibernias' are a type of 'gun money', a coinage issued in Ireland when James attempted to recover the English throne. They were the last attempt to establish such a coinage before giving up in 1691. To produce these 'hibernias', shillings were recoined as halfpennies or farthings in the Irish town Limerick. The name 'hibernias' for this coin type comes from the fact that they are the first coins on which the reverse depicts Hibernia, a national personification of Ireland. This was quite symbolic, as the people of Limerick were being besieged by the British and Hibernia can be taken as a contrast to Britannia on the British coins.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1691

Date to: Exactly AD 1691

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 5.53 g

Diameter: 25.71 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 5256

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Struck or hammered
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Seagry](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST9481
Four figure Latitude: 51.5278782
Four figure longitude: -2.08788278
1:25K map: ST9481
1:10K map: ST98SW
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.