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Unique ID: DEV-2AEC71

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Post Medieval copper alloy Irish "gun money" shilling of James II (AD 1685 - 1691), Dublin or Limerick mint, issued May 1690.

This example is 1.8mm thick and 22.5mm in diameter. It weighs 4.9g.

Other examples on the database locally include 4 examples from Somerset- including [SOM-47B038](#) and [SOM-EA3298](#). This is the first "gun money" shilling recorded from Devon.

Notes:

These "coins" were official tokens issued by James II prior to his defeat in Ireland and subsequent flight to France. The original intention was that they would be exchanged for silver coin when he regained the throne, but as this did not happen the tokens (made from recycled metal from old cannon, bells and other scrap) were never exchanged. While James fled after the Battle of the Boyne in July 1690, the conflict continued and examples of this "coinage" continue to be produced until its end in 1691.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1690

Date to: Exactly AD 1691

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 1.8 mm

Weight: 4.9 g

Diameter: 22.5 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st August 2018 - Wednesday 26th September 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC Receipt 017946

Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [Devon](#) (County)
District: [East Devon](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Poltimore](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SX9697
Four figure Latitude: 50.76323986
Four figure longitude: -3.4759865
1:25K map: SX9697
1:10K map: SX97NE
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Character undetermined