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A late Medieval Spanish silver coin, a half-reale of Ferdinand V and Isabella I (1474-1504). Obverse; a yoke, the symbol of Ferdinand, surrounded by scroll work with an S indicating Sevilla mint. Reverse; sheaf of arrows, the symbol of Isabella with the only surviving inscription reading [...] ABE [...] The coin is heavily worn on both faces and is clipped. There is also a small round punched hole, the position of which is within the inner circle. The hole does not occupy any significant locational context in the design of either face.

'Edward Besly of the National Museum and Gallery of Wales has commented on these coins as follows,"As far as I understand, they are very difficult to date because production continued long after their deaths (1516 [F] and 1504 [I]) towards the middle of the sixteenth century. They were made legal tender under Philip and Mary (1554-8) but Elizabeth promptly banned them. However, they continued to be used well into the seventeenth century and very worn ones occasionally turn up in Civil War hoards".

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1474

Date to: Circa AD 1504

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 0.61 mm

Weight: 1.5 g

Diameter: 19.51 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 7th April 2019

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [East Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Wealden](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Mayfield](#) (District Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ5626

Four figure Latitude: 51.01222881

Four figure longitude: 0.22244548

1:25K map: TQ5626

1:10K map: TQ52NE

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Grassland, Heathland

Specific landuse: Undisturbed grassland