

COIN

Unique ID: YORYM-D27598

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Treasure Case : 2019 T1039

Description:

One silver twice pierced groat of possibly Edward VI (AD c. 1547-1553), dating to the first period 1547-9. The coin is extremely worn rendering the obverse and reverse unclear. The obverse legend reads EDW[-----]. The reverse depicts a long cross with a fragment of shield in one quadrant; the reverse legend reads POSVI DEVM [ADIVTOR MEVM]. The coin has been pierced twice, once at 1 o'clock and another at 7 o'clock. The piercing at 1 o'clock has bro Mint of London. North Vol II, p121 n.1897.

Dimensions:

The coin is 28.8mm in diameter, 0.7mm thick and weighs 4.22g.

Discussion:

The double piercing of this coin may indicate it had a secondary function, such as an item of jewellery or clothing. However, pierced coins have also been found in hoards, thus suggesting that such objects could re-enter circulation and coins. The nature of the piercing of this coin (one at the top and bottom) may indicate intentional modification for a secondary function and thus removal from circulation (PAS website- Altered Coins as Treasure).

Conclusion:

In terms of age and as the object contains a minimum of 10% precious metal it qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996.

References:

North, J.J. 1991. *English Hammered Coinage, Volume 2 Edward I to Charles II, 1272-1662*. Spink and Son London, p121.

Portable Antiquities Scheme, *Altered Coins as Treasure*. Viewed 10th December, 2019. <https://finds.org.uk/treasure/advice/piercedcoins>

Evidence of reuse: Pierced

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being disclaimed as Treasure

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1547

Date to: Circa AD 1549

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 4.22 g

Diameter: 28.8 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: YMT: E06440

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE7950

Four figure Latitude: 53.94009431

Four figure longitude: -0.79802777

1:25K map: SE7950

1:10K map: SE75SE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined