

ME, A SCALPEL AND A MICROSCOPE

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A conservator can reveal a surprising amount of detail just by controlled mechanical cleaning under a microscope. The benefit of using a mechanical method is that there is no need to introduce chemicals, and the extent to which material is removed can be immediately observed and controlled. Here are the results so far of this morning's investigative mechanical cleaning of a Roman coin from Hamble – one of 30 in the queue!



Mechanical cleaning - half completed