

The coins

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Seven coins were recovered from the excavations – six from Area 501 and one from Area 503. The six coins from Area 501 are all Copper Alloy coins of the Roman period, whilst the single coin from Area 503 (Object 216) is a hammered silver coin of the medieval period. In general the coins are in poor condition, with many displaying signs of post-depositional corrosion; the hammered silver coin is particularly brittle.

The six coins from Area 501 span the Roman period. The earliest (Object 18, unstratified) is a very worn and corroded *sestertius* dating to the 1st or 2nd century AD. The remaining coins all date to the late third and fourth centuries AD. One of these (Object 55, context 20417) was too badly worn and corroded to be assigned anything other than a general 3rd to 4th century date. Three date to the late third century: an *antoninianus* (Object 17, Context 20200) of Victorinus (AD 268 – 270), a radiate copy of an *antoninianus* (Object 19, unstratified) of Tetricus II (AD 270 – 273) struck between c. AD 270 and AD 296, and an *antoninianus* (Object 16, unstratified) of Allectus (AD 293 – 296). These radiate copies were copies of 'official' coinage, possibly struck to compensate for gaps in supply of coinage to Britain and to supply sufficient small change for the provinces needs. It is unclear whether these copies were officially sanctioned, if at all, but they are not uncommon as site finds, and seem to have circulated in the same fashion as officially struck coins.

The latest coin from the site is a *centenionalis* (Object 23, unstratified) of Magnentius (AD 350 – 353). There is little that such a small assemblage can tell us about activity on the site other than the fact that the site was clearly in use during the late third and fourth centuries AD. With no official mechanism for withdrawing them from circulation, the large bronzes of the first and second century AD are relatively common finds in later contexts and assemblages.

The single coin from Area 503 is a hammered silver *hardi d'argent* (Object 216, context 21088) minted by Henry IV, Henry V or Henry VI (c. AD 1399 – 1453). This is one of a series of Angle-Gallic coins issued by the English kings in France for use in their territories in France. These are rare finds in England (Kelleher, pers comm.) and it is not clear how the coin ended up on the site, although given that a pilgrim's ampoule was recovered from the same context, it is possible that it was brought back from abroad by a pilgrim perhaps returning from one of the major pilgrim site in France or Spain.

SITE CODE:	TTNCM:105/2011	SITE NAME:	Stear Point
Context	u/s	Object	16
Metal	Cu Alloy	Denomination	Antoninianus
Diameter	22	Weight	3.08
axis	6	Reverse	
Issuer	Allectus	Issue date	AD 293 - 296
Obverse condition	Worn	Reverse condition	Worn
Obverse	Bust r, radiate, cuirassed -PCALLECTVSPFAVG	Reverse	Laetitia standing left holding wreath & anchor, S-P across fields. Mintmark C
Mint	Colchester	Officina:	
Notes	Some edge damage	References	RIC V, Part II, Allectus 79
Reece Periods:	14 - AD 275 - 296	Casey Period:	20 - AD 286 - 296
Context	20200	Object	17
Metal	Cu Alloy	Denomination	Antoninianus
Diameter	17	Weight	1.98
		Reverse	

axis 12
Issuer Victorinus
Obverse condition Very worn
Obverse Bust r, radiate, bearded. -VICTORI-
Mint Unknown
Notes Antoninianus of Victorinus, reverse uncertain
Reece Periods:

Issue date AD 268 - 270
Reverse condition Very worn
Reverse Fig I, w/ cornucopia? S- -G
Officina:
References
Casey Period:

Context u/s
Metal Cu Alloy
Diameter 29
axis 6
Issuer Unknown Roman Emperor
Obverse condition Corroded
Obverse Bust r
Mint Rome
Notes Almost rectangular in shape, suggesting a C2 issue
Reece Periods:

Object 18
Denomination Sestertius
Weight 14.55 **Reverse**
Issue date C1 - C2
Reverse condition Corroded
Reverse Female fig sitting I with cornucopia
Officina:
References
Casey Period:

Context u/s
Metal Cu Alloy
Diameter 17
axis 5
Issuer Radiate Copy
Obverse condition Very worn
Obverse Bust r, radiate, unshaven
Mint Unknown
Notes Barbarous copy of coin of Tetricus II. The reverse is badly struck off centre.
Reece Periods: 13 - AD 260 - 275

Object 19
Denomination Antoninianus
Weight 2.19 **Reverse**
Issue date AD 270 - 296
Reverse condition Worn
Reverse Priestly implements PIETAS-
Officina:
References
Casey Period: 18 - AD 260 - 273

Context u/s
Metal Cu Alloy
Diameter 12
axis 6
Issuer Magnentius
Obverse condition Worn
Obverse Bust r, bareheaded. DN MAGNEN TIVSPFAVG. V faint A behind bust VICTORIAE (DDNN) AVG
Mint Trier
Notes
Reece Periods: 18 - AD 348 - 364

Object 23
Denomination Centenionalis
Weight 4.09 **Reverse**
Issue date AD 350 - 353
Reverse condition Worn
Reverse 2 facing victories holding a shield inscribed VOT V MVLX X.
(ETCAES). Mint mark: TRP
Officina: First
References LRBC II, 58
Casey Period: 24 - AD 348 - 364

Context 20417
Metal Cu Alloy
Diameter 20
axis 0
Issuer Unknown Roman Emperor
Obverse condition Corroded
Obverse Bust r
Mint Unknown
Notes Dated by size alone. Heavily corroded and broken into 3 pieces
Reece Periods:

Object 55
Denomination AE3
Weight 2.81 **Reverse**
Issue date C3 - C4
Reverse condition Corroded
Reverse Illegible
Officina:
References
Casey Period:

Context 21088
Metal Silver
Diameter 18
axis 3
Issuer Henry IV, Henry V or Henry VI
Obverse condition Corroded
Obverse Half-length facing figure of the king, crowned, holding a sword in his right hand with left hand raised. The king is under a canopy. Annulet above the crown. (HENRIC R AN) GLIE

Object 216
Denomination hardi d'argent
Weight 0.34 **Reverse**
Issue date AD 1399 - 1453
Reverse condition Corroded
Reverse Long cross dividing the inscription, with leopard in the 1st and 4th quarters, and lis in the 2nd and 3rd, with an annulet below each

Mint Unknown
Notes All information supplied by R Kelleher of the British
Museum
Reece Periods:

lis. FRA/CIE/DNS-
Officina:
References Mule of ?Elias 233 e/a
Casey Period: