

COIN FINDS FROM NORFOLK, 2003

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As in previous years, these lists represent a selection of the more unusual or historically interesting coins reported through Norfolk Landscape Archaeology's Identification and Recording Service in 2003. The coins are arranged chronologically and include all pre-1700 gold coins recorded during the year, all Iron Age stray finds, a number of Roman coins, and the few significant post-1180 medieval coins. All medieval coins pre-1180 are reported to the Early Medieval Corpus (EMC) at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, and for information on these the reader is referred there (www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk). Coins which constituted coin hoards fall within the category of Treasure and are published in the Treasure Annual Report for the year in question. The format is the same as that followed in the previous issue of *Norfolk Archaeology*, with details of issuing authority, denomination *etc.* followed by findspot and HER number.

Iron Age coins

1. Gallo-Belgic E type staters (3), Van Arsdell 52-1. *Obv.* Blank. *Rev.* Horse r. Weight 6.22g, 6.16g, 6.15g. Wormegay 3459.
2. Iceni silver unit, 'face-horse' type, Van Arsdell—(unlisted). *Obv.* Head l. *Rev.* Horse r. Weight 1.30g. Seething 40302.
3. Iceni silver unit, 'face-horse' type, Van Arsdell 665-3. *Obv.* Head r. *Rev.* Horse r. Weight 0.93g. Quidenham 37284.
4. Iceni silver unit, 'pattern-horse' type, Van Arsdell 711-1. *Obv.* Crescent motif. *Rev.* Horse r, ANTED below. Weight 0.63g. Holme Hale 25783.
5. Iceni silver unit, 'pattern-horse' type, Van Arsdell 730-1. *Obv.* Crescent motif. *Rev.* Horse r, ECEN below. Weight 0.82g. Stradsett, 39567.
6. Iceni silver unit, 'pattern-horse' type, see Van Arsdell 754. *Obv.* Crescent motif. *Rev.* Horse r, line of 3 pellets below horse, 3 pellets on shoulder. Weight 1.06g. Narford 3974. Plate 1.
7. Iceni silver unit, 'pattern-horse' type, Van Arsdell 760-1. *Obv.* Crescent motif. *Rev.* Horse r, ECEN below. Weight 1.25g. Keswick 32108.
8. Iceni silver unit, 'Bury diadem' type, see Van Arsdell 80 (variant). *Obv.* Diad. head r. *Rev.* Horse r. Weight 1.34g. Beetley/Stanford 30600.
9. Iceni silver unit, 'Boudicca' type, Van Arsdell 792-1. *Obv.* Head r. *Rev.* Horse r. Weight 1.07g. Wretton 39364. Plate 1.
10. Iceni silver unit, 'Boudicca' type, Van Arsdell 794-1. *Obv.* Head r. *Rev.* Horse r. Weight 0.93g. Sporle with Palgrave 32935. Plate 1.

Roman coins

11. Roman Republic (probably late 2nd century BC), *denarius* (fragment). *Obv.* Head of Roma r. *Rev.* Victory in biga/quadrige? Weight 1.27g. Burgh and Tuttington 33592.
12. C. Naevius Balbus (79 BC), serrate *denarius*, Crawford 382. *Obv.* Head of Venus r. *Rev.* C. NAE BALB, Victory in triga, r. Weight 3.57g. Snettisham 1487.
13. Roman Republic (uncertain date), *denarius*. *Obv.* [worn almost smooth]. *Rev.* [worn almost smooth]. Countermarked IMPVES (applied at Ephesus AD 74–7). Weight 3.05g. Beighton 37006.
14. D. Iunius Brutus Albinus (48 BC), *denarius*, Crawford 450/2. *Obv.* PIET[AS] Head of Pietas r, wedge shaped banker's mark on cheek. *Rev.* ALBINVS BRVT[I F] clasped hands and caduceus, crescent shaped banker's mark on wrist of right hand. Weight 3.46g. Mattishall 36629. Plate 1.
15. Julius Caesar (46–45 BC), *denarius*, Spanish mint, Crawford 468/2. *Obv.* Bust of Venus l. *Rev.* Captives, CAESAR in exergue. Weight 3.27g. Gressenhall 39361.
16. Marcus Antonius (32–31 BC), *denarius*, travelling mint, Crawford 544/35. *Obv.* ANT AVG III VIR R P C, Ship. *Rev.* LEG XIX, Aquila and standards. Weight unrecorded. Stradsett 39567.
17. Marcus Antonius (32–31 BC), *denarius*, travelling mint, Crawford 544/20. *Obv.* ANT AVG III VIR R P C, Ship. *Rev.* LEG VII, Aquila and standards. Weight 3.57g. Norton Subcourse 15015.
18. Marcus Antonius (32–31 BC), *denarius*, travelling mint, Crawford 544. *Obv.* [legends illegible], Ship. *Rev.* [legends illegible], Aquila and standards. Weight unrecorded. Bradenham 30636.
19. Tiberius (14–37), *denarius*, RIC 3. *Obv.* [TICAE]SARDIVIAVGFAVG[...], Laur. hd r. *Rev.* PONTIF MAXIM, Female seated r. Weight 2.73g. Quidenham 37284. Plate 1.



Plate I. Selected coins

20. Tiberius (14–37), plated *denarius*, RIC 3. *Obv.* TICAESARDIVIAVGF AVG... Laur. hd. r. *Rev.* PONTIF MAXIM Female seated r. Weight 1.67g. Tacolneston 35831.
21. Galba (68–69), *denarius*, RIC 4. *Obv.* IMPSER GALBA [CAESAR...?] Laur. hd. r. *Rev.* DIVA AVGVSTA. Weight unrecorded. Colkirk 37128.
22. Vespasian (69–79), plated *denarius*, see RIC 177. *Obv.* IMPCAESARVESPAS PANS AVG, Laur hd. r. *Obv.* PONT [...] COS VI, Vespasian std. r. holding branch and sceptre. Weight 1.66g. Ashwellthorpe 30205.
23. Antoninus Pius (138–161), *aureus*, RIC 279c. *Obv.* ANTONINVS AVGPIVSPP IMPII, Laureate, draped bust r. *Rev.* TRPOTXXI COSIII, Salus standing r. holding serpent in arms. Weight 7.07g. Yelverton 33109. Plate 1.
24. Marcus Aurelius (161–180), cast *as*. *Obv.* AVRELIVS CAES ANT[N] [AVG PII F], Bare head r. *Rev.* [illegible]. Wighton 34521.
25. Maximinus (235–238), ?plated and irregular *denarius*, see RIC vol. IV.2. *Obv.* IMPMAXIMINVSPIVSAVG? Draped bust (from back) r. *Rev.* IVNO [CONSERVATRIX] Juno standing l. (muled imitation). Weight 2.21g. Stoke Ferry 40006.
26. Gordian III (238–244), *dupondius*, see RIC vol. IV.3. *Obv.* IMPCAESMANT GORDIANVSAVG, Radiate, draped bust (from back) r. *Rev.* Female seated l. Wighton 34521.
27. Gordian III (238–244), *dupondius*, RIC 261c. *Obv.* IMPCAESMANT GORDIANVSAVG, Radiate bust draped (from back) r. *Rev.* SALVS AVG Salus seated left feeding snake. Weight 5.50g. Narford 40017.
28. Constantine (307–337), half *foliis*, mint of Trier. *Obv.* CONSTANTINVS AVG, Draped bust (from back), laur r. *Rev.* SOLI INVICTO, Sol stading l. PTR in ex. Gilded (as jewellery?), Fragment missing where possibly pierced. Snettisham 1487.
29. Constantius II (324–361), *solidus*, mint of Arles. *Obv.* DNCONSTANTIVSPF AVG, Diademed and draped bust right. *Rev.* FELICITAS REIPUBLICAE, Seated figures of Roma and Constantinopolis facing, KONS AV (AV ligated), wreath above. Narford 3974, 4.41g.
30. Uncertain emperor (later 4th century), clipped and plated *siliqua*, irregular mint. *Obv.* [legend clipped], Draped and diademed bust r. *Rev.* VOTIS V MVLTIS X in wreath (garbled). Weight 1.28g. Edgefield 35681. Plate 1.

31. Julian II (360–361), *siliqua*, mint of Lyons. *Obv.* DNFLCLIVLIANVSPPAVG, Draped and diademed bust r. *Rev.* VOT/X/MVLT/XX in wreath, PLVG in exergue. Weight 1.88g. Scole 39960.

Medieval English coins

32. Henry III (1216–1272), short cross penny, mint of Durham, Class 7. *Obv.* hENRICVSR EX. *Rev.* PIERESONDVR. Weight 1.38g. Cawston.
33. Edward III (1327–1377), halfpenny, mint of Berwick, North 1090. *Obv.* [EDWARDVS?] DI GRA. *Rev.* VILLA BERVICI, Bear's head in two quarters. Weight 0.46g. Emneth 39619.
34. Henry V (1413–1422), half noble, later class C, North 1377. *Obv.* HenRlcDI GRAREXAnGLZF. *Rev.* DOMInE nEInFVRORE ARGVAS ME. Weight 3.45g. Postwick 31087. Plate 1.
35. Henry V (1413–1422) quarter noble, North 1383. *Obv.* HEEnRICDIGRAREX AnGL. *Rev.* EXALTABITVRINGLORIA. Weight 1.74g. Cawston 19522. Plate 1.
36. Henry VI/Edward IV (1422–1483), muled penny, mint of Durham, see North 1467. *Obv.* hEnRICVS[?pinecone?] REX AnGL. Apparently no field marks. *Rev.* CIVITAS DVnO LMI. Weight 0.85g. Scarning 2874.
37. Edward IV (1461–1483) heavily clipped penny, mint of Durham. *Obv.* EDWARD[...], roses and suns by bust. *Rev.* CIVITAS DVR[...]. Rose at centre, suns and roses in quarters. Weight 0.53g. Oxborough 2634. Plate 1.

Medieval European coins

38. Louis IX (1226–1270), gros tournois, Duplessy no. 190. *Obv.* LVDOVICVS REX, around cross. *Rev.* TVRONVS CIVIS, Castle of Tournai. Gilded on obverse. Weight 3.62g. Bixley 29810 (found 1995).
39. John of Avesnes, Count of Hainaut (1280–1304), sterling imitation, mint of Valenciennes, Mayhew no. 32. *Obv.* +ICOMESHANONIE, pellet on breast. *Rev.* VALENChENENS. Weight 1.09g. Sandringham 3257.
40. John II of Brabant (1294–1312), sterling imitation, mint of Brussels/Louvain, Mayhew no. 48ff. *Obv.* I:DVX:LIMBURGIE. *Rev.* DVX/BRA/BAnTIE. Weight 1.31g. Kenninghall 19545. Plate 1.

Post-medieval coins

41. Commonwealth (1649–1660), plated imitation of a half crown, North 2724/5. *Obv.* Illegible. *Rev.* Shields of England and Ireland, pierced at centre. Weight 9.56g. Happisburgh 39961.
42. James II (1685–1690), 'gunmoney' shilling, mint of Dublin (May 1690). *Obv.* IACO [...]. Laureate head l. *Rev.* MAG BRFRA ET HIB REX, Date unclear (May). Weight 2.94g. Mattishall 36629.

Tokens

43. Boy bishop token (14th–15th century), uncertain East Anglian mint (Bury?). *Obv.* Mitre encircled by legend composed of vertical strokes. *Rev.* Long cross encircled by legend composed of vertical strokes. Weight 11.42g. Carbrooke 40120.

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