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UKDN would like to thank Tom Redmayne for the cover page image and members for their contributions

A Message from Admin

Hi Everyone

For the past few weeks we have seen an improvement in the weather enabling members to get out with their detectors and make the finds we all love to see on the forum. Remember that if your club is going to hold a rally in the next few months then it can be advertised in our Rally section, free of charge.

Our First UKDN Valued Supporter

You will see within these pages a short piece on our final donation ranking. Old Git John became the first member to become a "UKDN Valued Supporter"

The Forum software is right now undergoing a big revamp. This work is expected to be complete sometime this coming week. It is being undertaken in the main to bring things up-to-date behind the scenes as currently we are being hit by over 100 spam registration attempts every single day. The new software will enable us to block these registration attempts more easily.

The site was buzzing

We had a great end to 2011 with the Christmas Raffle, the UKDN Calendar and the various small competitions run by Tom. The site was buzzing and we are sure you all enjoyed it.

On a final note we are already looking for photos for the UKDN 2013 calendar but remember if you are wanting to submit a photo please ensure that it has not got a date and time stamp on it.

Good Hunting to you all

The Admin Team



Brian & Mo'

Founded UKDN in Sept 2002, Detecting since 1978.



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Here since Nov 2007, Detecting since 2007



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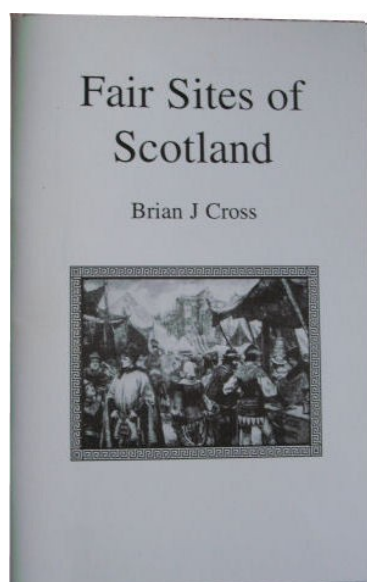
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Fair Sites of Scotland by Brian Cross

Written by UKDN Forum Founder Brian Cross this book researches all the Cattle, Sheep and Horse fair sites in Scotland. It is an excellent research tool for any detectorist intent on discovering some of these highly productive metal detecting sites.

Originally sold for £6.50 + postage Brian is offering these books to UK DETECTOR NET for a one-off price of £6.41 including postage and Paypal fees.

All the proceeds i.e. £5 from the sale of each book will go to the server costs of UK DETECTOR NET.

[Buy it Here](#)

UK DETECTOR NET CLOTH BADGES



Design is as the photo complete with your username. Cost is £7.50 including postage. If you require one then click the Paypal "Buy Now" button on the UKDN Shop page or send cheque/PO made out to UK DETECTOR NET, to Mr B Cross, 52 Stonehills Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5UL

Badge creation is now very fast.

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Did you See

With almost 500 members visiting every single day and 100's of new posts every day it is so easy for you, the members of UKDN, to miss out on some very interesting posts. So, each month in the magazine we will bring to your attention some posts that you might have missed like.....click on the link

<u>New Year... New Deus... New Start???</u>	<u>Elizabeth I coins why so worn?</u>
<u>Bit of gold today, any ideas?</u>	<u>Brooch, but what date?</u>
<u>17th Century whirligig child's toy</u>	<u>finally on display!</u>
<u>Pigeon Rings</u>	<u>green waste?</u>
<u>wood turning.</u>	<u>silver v gold</u>
<u>Emmerdale - Who Dunnit ?</u>	<u>which GPS??</u>
<u>ANOTHER bust X-terra coil!</u>	<u>Garret probe are they any good?</u>
<u>cleaning roman coins</u>	<u>New Time Team Series</u>
<u>'The Rat'!!! Brazilian TV.</u>	<u>Dog poo</u>
<u>4 Hammered and a bit of Gold</u>	<u>one of my best ever pics</u>

Our final UKDN Supporter ranking has arrived !!

UK DETECTOR NET brings in final ranking to credit those who have supported us during our first ten years.

For the past six years UKDN has had a ranking system to show how frequently and often a member has supported the site by making donations. We have gone through a rising scale e.g. bronze, silver, gold, platinum and diamond. But now we want to say "Thank You" to those of you who have gone right through this scale by making a final tier of ranking called "UKDN Valued Supporter"

Any member who is already a Diamond Supporter will reach this milestone when they next donate. Further donations will not raise the ranking beyond Valued Supporter.

In advance The Team here would like to say a big "Thank You" to those who have continually supported the site over these past years.

Hospice acknowledge our donation

On the following page you will see a copy of a letter received from St Francis Hospice acknowledging our donation of £610 in memory of John Lynn (Norfolk Wolf).

This donation came about after our very successful Christmas 2011 Raffle.

We would like to thank all those of you who took part in that raffle and helped this very worthy cause, one which is very close to our own hearts with a prominent metal detector user having spent some very precious time with that hospice.

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francis
hospice



living with dignity

Mr B Cross
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10 January 2012
Ref: 1121558

Dear Mr Cross

I am writing to thank you for your recent kind donation of £610.00 given in memory of Mr John Lynn. We are grateful for this donation and for your support and ask that you pass on our sincere thanks to all the members of UK Detector Net who contributed.

The hospice is very privileged to be able to provide specialist palliative care to local people who need our help and support and as a registered charity we rely heavily on our community to help fund this work through charitable donations. This year we need to raise £7.2 million, approximately £2 million is given to us by the NHS and the rest we have to fund ourselves. Your donation, in loving memory of Mr Lynn, will help us to continue to provide free of charge care and support to those families in our community who are coping with a life limiting illness. We cannot thank you enough for your support at this very sad time.

Our supporters like to be kept up-to-date with our work and we send updates from time to time. We would like to include you in our updates however if you would prefer not to hear from the hospice in the future, please do let us know.

As you may know, all of our services are provided free of charge to residents in West Essex, Brentwood, Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge, and as someone who has already supported our work in a practical way, we know that you understand how vital it is to keep our services to patients free.

Thank you once again for your recent kind and generous donation; your support for our work at Saint Francis Hospice is very much appreciated and gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

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PAS Find of Note - Found by tomredmayne



Report generated by the Portable Antiquities Scheme's database



Report for : WEIGHT
Unique ID: PUBLIC-BA9056

Object type certainty: Certain
Printed @ Thursday 12th January 2012

Permanent stable URL for this find: <http://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/471321>

Description: A Medieval, circular, lead weight. The weight has a circular body with a moulded, raised shield in the centre of its upper face. The shield has a raised, moulded design of the three lions passant of England. Around the outer edge of the circular body and beside the shield is an inscription in moulded letters. To the left of the shield are the letters IE and to the right, the letters VTAS with other, indecipherable letters before them, but possibly spelling CIVITAS (for CIVITAS). Above the shield, is a hole through the body of the weight, possibly for suspension, and a moulded, zigzag pattern to either side of it.

The weight weighs 453 grammes (16.007 ounces) which equates closely to one avoirdupois pound of 16 ounces.

Subsequent action after recording: 1

Temporal details
Broad period: MEDIEVAL
Date from: AD 1300
Date to: AD 1450

Spatial data

County: Lincolnshire
District: East Lindsey

Finder and recorder details

Recorded by: Mr Tom Redmayne
Identified by: Mr Tom Redmayne



[Click for PAS Report](#)

Artefact of the Month

Tudor Silver Hook - By tomredmayne



I'm sure most of you know by now that I am very lucky in having most of my detecting fields very close to home and some very accommodating farmers who let me detect on the growing crops. Because of this, I can detect for most of the year and often just nip out for an hour or so for my lunch break when working from home.

I tend to spend short periods detecting rather than whole days and, possibly because of this, I sometimes choose a small area of a field and cover it slowly and meticulously,

often pulling out very small objects from amongst the iron and trash that I have missed when going a bit quicker.

My most productive fields

This day was one of those, a Thursday working from home and starting to ache and see double from being at the computer all morning sending emails; time for a break for lunch and a wander in the fields. The detector and gear was already in the car so I just locked up and drove to one of my most productive fields.

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This field was the site of a Medieval settlement, and has produced a lot of interesting finds from Saxon through the Medieval (most of them) into the early and mid post-Medieval period. I parked the car in the field gateway and moved into the field a few yards before ground balancing the SE.

Something new to find

The gateway is far too trashy to balance it properly. The area immediately around me is probably the most detected part of the field as it always gets covered going out from the car and coming back to it. I have also had a few friends over the past few years that have done this field with me, and it has always been an area to concentrate on as there always seems to be something new to find.

I didn't have a lot of time so thought I would try the fast program on the SE and turned the sensitivity right down to about 14 to try and cut through all the nails and bits of iron. It seemed to work as I started to find bits of scrappy lead and an odd button quite quickly. The fact that anything was coming out of the ground was a great sign as I really thought I had done it to death! If I had missed these bits, what else was there to find?

I quartered the ground carefully, moving in strips, very close together and overlapping the detector strokes. I then covered the same patch going in strips the other way, across it at right angles, hoping I was covering every inch. Half an hour in and I suddenly got the sweetest, clear

signal amongst the iron nulling.

gleaming on top of the soil

A few very slow sweeps to pinpoint it and I dug the spade in hoping it was a nice hammered. It came out in the first spadeful from only two or three inches deep and lay, shiny and gleaming on top of the soil; certainly no hammered, but with a very obvious hook and a clear decoration on the top.

That was it, I packed up and went home. I wanted the rest of the lunch break to clean it up and see what it was. I assumed a type of clothes tag but couldn't think of one that looked like it.

A quick rinse under the tap back home was all that was needed to show it in all its glory. Then it was onto the PAS database to find out just what I had found as the S-shaped hook had me baffled. I did find a couple on there that had the same shaped hook, and discovered that it was actually a hat or cap hook from the Tudor period. These were, it is thought, worn by men in their hats more as a decoration than as a functional object. The engraving is a Tudor rose and may have reflected the wearer's allegiance to the crown.

Because it is silver and over 300 years old, it was declared treasure and is currently going through the process. This field still has its secrets and the slow-and-low method seems to be paying off.

I'll be back!

Tom Redmayne Feb 2012

Coin of The Month

Philip & Mary Sixpence 1555 By Chris Hall



A few months ago, I was detecting on one of my local fields early one morning when I saw someone striding towards me! I thought it was either the farmer checking that I was known to him (I did of course have permission to be there), or perhaps the gamekeeper warning me that I could be accidentally shot if I stayed on!

In fact, it was a fellow detectorist, minus his detector, telling me in no uncertain terms that I was wasting

my time there as the field had been searched for more than 20 years and there was nothing left to find!

I'm sure most of us have been in a similar situation at one time or another. I decided not to tell him that I had in fact found several hammered silver coins in the field over the course of the previous 2 months. These included a very presentable shilling of the boy king, Edward VI and a half groat of Henry VIII.

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As we all know, there is no such thing as a 'searched-out' field!

Once he had gone, I continued my search in the hope that I had missed something good despite spending many hours on the same 10 acre field over a period of around 3 years! I was using my favourite detector, the XP Deus, with a newly-acquired large coil.

Following advice given on several detecting forums, I had decided to change the frequency of the GMP program to 8 kHz for this coil; I usually tend to stick to 18 kHz. After finding several buttons and pieces of lead at very respectable depths, I got one of those signals that demands to be dug!

There was nothing in the initial spadeful of earth, but my trusty Garrett probe showed that I had managed to pinpoint the signal quite accurately. I dug wide of the signal so as to avoid any damage to what I hoped would be a good find. The large hammered silver coin that soon surfaced from a depth of around 7-8 inches was a first for me!

The first thing I spotted was a Roman 'VI' which signified it was a sixpence. I couldn't believe my luck when I saw not one, but two facing portraits on the obverse of the coin. It was then that I knew I had found a silver sixpence of Philip and Mary. This was a coin not even on my 'wish-list', as I never expected to find one!

Back at home, I soon found the coin in my Spinks catalogue. It is a 1555 sixpence with the Spinks reference number 2506.

Philip, King of Spain (from 1556) married Mary in 1554 and was very unpopular; the protest from the Commons prompted Mary's reply that Parliament was 'not accustomed to use such language to the Kings of England' and that in her marriage 'she would choose as God inspired her'.

The marriage was childless. Philip spent most of it on the continent, England obtained no share in the Spanish monopolies in New World trade and the alliance with Spain dragged England into a war with France. This coin provides a fascinating insight into a turbulent period of English history.

Chris Hall.

Coin and Artefact of the Year Competition Results The Winners Are.....



Guilty and John Brassey won our Coin and Artefact of the Year competitions with a Justinian II Gold tremissis and a Roman Gold Clasp .

The quality of the entrants was amazing and to show respect for every single entry we are replicating them in the following twelve pages.



Find of the Month Competition Winners

January

Irish Henry III Penny - By Micktheroman



Medieval Annular Brooch - By tomredmayne



Find of the Month Competition Winners

February

Whaddon Bird Celtic Unit - By Digger33



Double sided seal matrix - By Digger33



Find of the Month Competition Winners

March

Trajan Silver Denarii - By Tannersdad



Silver Hawking Ring - By PaulR



Find of the Month Competition Winners

April

King John Irish Silver Penny - By jammeygit



Gold Poesy Ring - By Chris Hall



Find of the Month Competition Winners

May

Coenwulf Silver Penny 796 - 821AD - By tinner



Papal Bulla of Pope Alexander IV - By PaulR



Find of the Month Competition Winners

June

George III one third Guinea - By Scratchiemmm



Bronze Age Axe c 1700 - 1500BC - By Firthy77



Find of the Month Competition Winners

July

Justinian II Gold tremissis - By Guildy

Coin of the Year



No artefact was submitted in July

Find of the Month Competition Winners

August

Henry III Silver Groat - By p51fossil65



Roman Gold Clasp - By John Brassey

Artefact of the Year



Find of the Month Competition Winners

September

William the Conqueror bonnet type penny

By Amber



Brooch 6th - 3rd century BC - by jammeygit



Find of the Month Competition Winners

October

Anglo-Saxon gold thrymsa - By gildy



**1761 Gold Mourning Ring
By Simonthesearcher**



Find of the Month Competition Winners

November

Charles 1st twenty pence - By popsandme



Roman period Zoomorphic Pendant

By Graham_B



Find of the Month Competition Winners **December**

Philip & Mary sixpence 1555 - By Chris Hall



Tudor Silver Hook - By tomredmayne



UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Winner - Chesterton Windmill
By Warwick Wolf - Fuji HS20 bridge camera**



Runners Up

**Peacock - By Tinner
Nikon d2000**



**Morning Sunrise - By Popsandme
Sony a200**



UKDN FUN POINT PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Winner - Looking through the trees
By Casa-Dos - Samsung mobile phone gts5620



Runners Up

Great Tit - by Warwick Wolf
Fuji HS20



Pink Sky - by Mal Asterley
Finepix S2750HD



UK DETECTOR NET SWEATSHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW !!

Hi Everyone

We now have the much-requested UKDN Sweatshirts. They are Fruit of the Loom sweats so are top quality and a good heavyweight material, the company call them the Workwear range. They are available in small, medium, large, Xlarge, XXlarge, XXXlarge and XXXXlarge

They are described as follows: Luxurious Heavyweight Garment for the discerning user in hard-wearing polycotton. Set-in sleeves, Double stitching throughout.

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Available in the following colours: Red, Sport Grey, Royal Blue, Bottle Green, Black, Navy, Burgundy and Sunflower.

We have discussed with the makers, two possible options for printing beneath the logo. On the example (see close-up below) you will see the words "Your portal to the fascinating world of responsible detecting"

You can either have this on your sweat-shirt or your username where the above text is.

Cost is £11.99 + £2.99 postage which will deliver the sweat-shirt directly to your home or work address.



Fate

Believe it or not?

**By UKDN Forum member
meggielee in Australia**

UKDN Forum member Meggielee living in Australia checks out a small beach resort and then fate deals him an amazing coincidence. Meggielee tells his story below.

Monday Jan. 9th 2012

It's Summer here in Australia and I was on the beach this afternoon at a small seaside resort checking out the wet sand when I was approached by a stranger. He asked me a few usual questions then showed me a gold soccer ball on a silver chain around his neck. He said he had lost a similar one on a chain this same week on this same beach last year whilst up on holidays. He asked if I had found one and after I told him I hadn't we parted our ways.

My next signal not five minutes later and I had his item in my hand, I just knew it was his. It was about a half inch in size & had a bit of weight to it too.



The Lucky Necklace in Question

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I looked up to see where he had gone & spotted him up on the beach wall heading to the car park. Well I ran as fast as I could & shouted out to him. He came running over & I said I think we have won the Jackpot and opened my hand to him to reveal his gold soccer ball & tarnished silver chain. It was identical to the one around his neck.

At first he was speechless then he got a bit emotional and thanked me over & over, finally grabbing me for a big hug. He was probably about 35 to 40 years old & said the gold ball was a gift from his Aunt when he was 9 years old, she had bought it whilst on holidays in Italy. He wanted to reward me but I told him his happiness was enough for me.



Reunited with it's owner

I have hit this beach hard probably 20 to 30 times over the last year, so what were the chances of finding it today not 10 minutes after meeting the person who had lost it 12 months ago.

Unfortunately today was one of the few that I didn't have my camera with me so I couldn't record it. I must say it was a most rewarding experience & ranks as one of my better finds.

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Tuesday Jan. 10th 2012

Well I was still kicking myself today for not getting any photo's or even exchanging our details. So on a whim I decided to go back again this afternoon to see if I could spot him & hope that he was still holidaying there.

I had been on the beach about 20 minutes when he came marching towards me with his wife. They were very pleased to see me again and they too wanted photo's taken. They are renting a house overlooking the beach & had been looking out in case I returned. We also exchanged our details so we could keep in touch.

So the day ended perfectly & I was so pleased to have been able to record it all.



Meggielee and the pendant owner — friends for life now !!

Detecting Tip of the Month

Get a decent detector (one you have confidence in that you can master and can swing all day)

Read the manual and learn your machine (to get the most from it)

Discuss any queries you have with others, ask here on the forum (to resolve them)

Carry out tests to hear and see what signals different metals give. Learn the sound of iron

Improve your detector set up (get the settings right and ground balance before you start). Use the least discrimination possible (for maximum depth and not to disc out good finds)

Make sure the detector will pick up foil and all higher conductivity materials (so as not to disc out small silver and other good finds)

Don't use Relics or Coins modes (they disc out some of the goodies)

Improve your swing technique to keep the coil parallel to the ground. Swing slowly (the detector needs time to react to and evaluate a small signal)

Brush the ground (every inch of depth achieved improves your chances)
Detect in or after the rain (for maximum depth)

Detect for longer (every inch of the field covered improves your chances)

Consider a bigger coil (they have a bigger foot print so cover more area)

Consider a higher or multi frequency machine (as they may find more of the smaller items)

If you find something, re check the hole and concentrate on that area for a while (in case it was lost with other items)

When in doubt, dig (often an iffy signal can become a good one as you dig). Dig every signal that isn't iron (if you have the energy and will power)

Get better land (you will not find it if it's not there)

More Detecting Tips on Page 36



HERITAGE CRIME

What are heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are, first of all, offences that damage the historic environment – so things like vandalism, graffiti, arson and theft.

Why should the public care about heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are criminal activities, which can have serious effect on neighbourhoods and society.

Things like arson, graffiti, and criminal damage scar beautiful buildings. Anti-social behaviour such as substance misuse debase the places we live and enjoy visiting; theft and illegal metal detecting take away the physical evidence valuable to our understanding of the past. On top of that, all of these can incur financial loss on property owners.

If heritage crimes are not tackled better we all stand to lose something of our history and well-being.

How serious are these crimes?

There is **no national statistics on heritage crime** by the police so the true extent is difficult to ascertain. Through our work in the regions and our experience with many sites across the country, we know the crimes are widespread and they tend to be under-reported by victims.

A recent assessment identified that arson, architectural theft, removal of artifacts from protected sites and vehicle nuisance pose the greatest threat.

Illegal metal detecting in Lincolnshire is growing and reported cases are only the tip of the iceberg.

The level of **metal theft** is also of great concern.

- In 2005, there were 84 metal theft claims from churches totalling £325,326. In 2010, this has soared to 1763 claims costing £3,310,488 (data from Ecclesiastical)
- In 2010 Manchester diocese tops the list of metal theft claims with more than 90 claims recorded up to the end of November. It is closely followed by Lincoln, with more than 70 claims

Our understanding of the volume and extent of crime in the historic environment continues to develop. Neighbourhood Policing and local involvement will contribute considerably to gathering intelligence and data on the ground. We will also be developing systems that will allow us to accurately record crimes and ASB and thereby place our resources in the right place at the right time.

For crimes in progress - call 999

More action, less crime. It all adds up.

For crimes that have happened - report to your local Police
[click here for the non emergency reporting number](#)

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

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policing with PRIDE

This Month's Identification

An unusual penny of Edward II

This month, we have another of those Edward pennies that all seem to look the same and cause so much head-scratching when trying to pin down the monarch and the class. Is it Edward I, II or III and, when you finally decide which it is, what class or even sub-class is it?

Bad enough under normal circumstances, it becomes an even bigger challenge when the coin in question is a little unusual as this one is.

Ok, starting with the obverse of the coin, most people would recognise it straight away as a penny of one of the King Edwards. It measures 18mm in diameter and the legend reads EDWA at the beginning (for EDWARD) and the facing bust with long, wavy hair and a crown with central and side fleurs and spearhead ornaments between, is a common sight on the finds pages of the forum.



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To start narrowing down who the monarch is, we firstly look at that legend. If it reads EDWR ANGL, then it is definitely Edward I and might be any class from 1d up to 9c. This coin, however, has the extra A in its legend and reads EDWAR ANGL. That means that it could be either Edward I or Edward II, and classes 10-13, but most commonly seen on classes 10 and 11. (A couple of rare coins in classes 6b and 8a also have this legend)

The next clue is to look at the crown, and the shapes of the fleurs and ornaments are usually distinctive for each class. On this coin, the left-hand ornament is an odd shape, broken and leaning slightly to the left (circled in red on the picture). This is very typical of only one class of coin, class 11 coins of Edward II.

So, we now know the class and the monarch but can we narrow it down any further?

The answer is yes. Coins in this class can have the letters C and E in different forms. Some are round-backed and others have the back of the letter distinctly pointed in shape. The round-backed letters appear in class 11a and the pointed-backed letters appear in classes 11b and 11c. This coin has a pronounced pointed-backed letter E at the start of EDWAR and is, therefore a class 11b or 11c.

To distinguish which one it is now, the key difference is the letter A. In class 11b coins, the A is nice and symmetrical with two, slanting uprights coming to a point under the horizontal crossbar like this.



In 11c coins, the letter A has one vertical upright and one slanting one with the crossbar off-centre like this.



This coin clearly shows the first type of A and is, therefore a class 11b penny of Edward II.

Now for the mint, and we turn to the reverse of the coin for this.

It is the usual, solid long cross that we expect, and the legend reads CIVITAS LONDON so London is the mint. The letter C has a pointed back which ties in with the class 11b we have already worked out from the obverse. All good so far, but when we now look at the letter A in CIVITAS, it is very different from that on the obverse of the coin.

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So what is going on?

This coin is what is known as a mule. It has the obverse of an earlier class and the reverse of a different, later class and was probably struck using the wrong dies during the transitional period between the two types of coin.

And there you have it.....got there in the end!

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It has the one vertical and one slanting upright and the off-centre cross-bar that we have already identified as belonging to class 11c!

Detecting Tip of the Month

Seek out hotspots i.e Field entrances and gateways (places where people would gather)

Near signs of habitation, activity, earthworks, broken pottery, iron, lead, coke in the ground & dark patches of ground

Areas where others are getting signals, digging and making finds (useful at rallies or Club outings)

High ground especially plateaux (where buildings may have been located)
The bottom of hills (as finds tend to move downhill with ploughing)

Alongside footpaths (don't dig up the footpath), field boundaries, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds & ditches (routes that were used in the past).

Avoid areas that were under water in the past
Research the history of the site & remember permission is always required.

New members in January 2012



Brian and Mo and the team would like to thank and extend a warm welcome to all the new members listed below who have joined UKDN in January.

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Focus on Elizabeth I Sixpence Found by Donnydave

<p>Obverse;</p> 	<p>Elizabeth I, bust left with rose behind. The sixpence threepence, threehalfpence & threefarthings were marked with a rose behind the head to distinguish them from the shilling, groat, half-groat & penny.</p> <p>Elizabeth I (7 September 1533 – 24 March 1603) was queen regnant of England and Ireland from 17 November 1558 until her death. Sometimes called The Virgin Queen, Gloriana, or Good Queen Bess, Elizabeth was the fifth and last monarch of the Tudor dynasty. The daughter of Henry VIII, she was born a princess, but her mother, Anne Boleyn, was executed two and a half years after her birth, and Elizabeth was declared illegitimate. Her half-brother, Edward VI, bequeathed the crown to Lady Jane Grey, cutting his half-sisters out of the succession. His will was set aside, Lady Jane Grey was executed, and in 1558 Elizabeth succeeded Mary I..... See Wikipedia for more</p>
<p>Denomination; Sixpence</p>	<p>Struck of hammered penny with high silver content of 0.0916 troy ounce. Diameter; 25.02 mm Thickness; 0.73 mm Weight; 2.97 gms</p>
<p>Obverse Legend; ELIZABETH D G ANG FR ET HI REGINA</p>	<p>Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland</p>
<p>5th Issue Mint mark - Bell</p>	<p>AD 1582, Spink reference 2578</p>
<p>Reverse;</p> 	<p>Royal shield on a long cross fourchee with date above.</p>
<p>Reverse Legend POSVI DEV AD IVTORE M MEV</p>	<p>I have made god my helper</p>
<p>Provenance; Recorded with PAS</p>	<p>PAS reference SWYOR-50EB33</p>

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UKDN aims

UKDN is a forum for people who are interested in the hobby of metal detecting. UKDN is an online community where members can exchange and share knowledge, their views, discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects. UKDN actively works towards the following aims:

1. Develop a greater understanding of the hobby and some of the wider issues through healthy pro-active debate within the forum and through the monthly magazine, which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. The magazine includes UKDN based news and articles, as well as wider news, debate, and issues of heritage interest.
2. Provide a platform to inform beginners in the hobby of the basic principles in the use of a metal detector, gaining permission, site research, basic heritage law, farming scheme rules and in the 'best practice' for conservation, recording and co-operation.
3. Actively promotes the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting' to all members of the UKDN online forum and beyond.
4. Encourage all UKDN detectorists to record their finds with the appropriate bodies (depending where they detect); In England and Wales, this is with the Portable Antiquities Scheme, in Scotland this is the Treasure Trove Unit.
5. UKDN will actively work towards ensuring the future security of the hobby. We will liaise and co-operate with heritage professionals in a way which is mutually beneficial to all parties whilst maintaining our independence, and we encourage their active participation, either in the UKDN online community or through our on-line magazine.