

This Months Identification

Æthelred II (the Unready) Penny

Yet again it was a busy month in the ID Categeory on UK Detectornet. One coin really caught my eye though and that was a lovely Saxon Penny of Æthelred II (the Unready) (978-1016).



There are a number of varieties known which belong to this ruler. This coin is of the Helmet Type variety as you can plainly see on the obverse a bust in armour and a radiate helmet. It reads + ÆDELRAED REX ANG

On the reverse it is a typical voided long cross, each limb terminating in three crescents over square. At each point there is a trefoil.

The reverse reads LEOFOLD MO LVND. This stands for Leofweald (LEOFOLD) who was a Moneyer in London.

Out of all the coins registered at the Fitzwilliam museum early coin database this variety with this moneyer is not registered. www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

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