

Report for HM Coroner

Treasure number: 2019T143

PAS database number: SF-2C733B

Findspot: Blythburgh Parish, Suffolk

To be known as: Near Blythburgh

Find type: Coin Hoard

Date of Discovery: 10/2/2019

Name of Finder: Mr David Cooper

Description: On the 10th of February 2019 Mr David Cooper was detecting on cultivated land, recovering a relatively small-sized scattered Iron Age coin hoard from around a 10-15m square in the topsoil, presumably recently ploughed out of a sealed context. These coins were subsequently brought to the SCCAS offices, photographed and preliminarily identified. In total, the group consists eight full staters and nine quarter-staters- one of the quarter staters being broken. This group were clearly originally deposited together as part of the same find and are to be known as the 'Near Blythburgh' hoard.

List of the coins:

Full staters

1. Uninscribed debased gold stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 50-20 BC. Rudd's 'Norfolk Wolf Left' type. ABC 1399. Diameter: 20.34mm, weight: 4.38g. Part of the flan torn and irregular.
2. Uninscribed debased gold stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 50-20 BC. Rudd's 'Norfolk Wolf Left' type. ABC 1399. Diameter: 19.07mm, weight: 4.34g.
3. Uninscribed gold stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 20 BC-AD 20. Rudd's 'Freckenham Cross' type. ABC 1420. Diameter: 17.19mm, weight: 5.4g.
4. Uninscribed gold stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 20 BC-AD 20. Rudd's 'Freckenham Cross' type, ABC 1420. Diameter: 16.53mm, weight: 5.23g.
5. Gold stater of the Eastern region, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addedomaros Spiral' type. ABC 2517. Diameter: 16.25mm, weight: 5.55g.
6. Gold stater of the Eastern region, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addedomaros Spiral' type. ABC 2517. Diameter: 19.29mm, weight: 5.46g.
7. Gold stater of the Eastern region, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addedomaros Crescent Cross' type. ABC 2514. Diameter: 18.15mm, weight: 5.44g,
8. Uninscribed gold stater of the Eastern region, dating c. 50-20 BC. Rudd's 'SS type'. ABC 2237. Diameter: 17.42mm, weight: 5.56g

Quarter Staters

9. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 20 BC-AD 10. Rudd's 'Mossop Mystery' type. ABC 1486. Diameter: 11.45mm, weight: 1.01g.

10. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 20 BC-AD 10. Rudd's 'Mossop Mystery' type, but reverse die variant to that published. ABC 1486. Diameter: 13.58mm, weight: 1.01g.

11. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the East Anglian region, dating c. 20 BC-AD 10. Rudd's 'Mildenhall Mystery' type. ABC 1489. Diameter: 9.68mm, weight: 1.11g. This coin is not in the British Museum collection, according to Rudd (2010) only one other is known.

12. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the Eastern region, dating c. 20 BC-AD 10. Probably Rudd's 'Raunds Wing' type. C.f ABC 2466, but an apparently different reverse die. Approximately a third of the flan is missing in a break. Diameter: survives to 12.73mm, weight: 0.6g.

13. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the Eastern region attributed to Addeddomaros, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addeddomaros Flower' type. ABC 2526. Diameter: 13.97mm, weight: 1.31g.

14. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the Eastern region attributed to Addeddomaros, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addeddomaros Flower' type. ABC 2526. Diameter: 12.8mm, weight: 1.34g.

15. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the Eastern region attributed to Addeddomaros, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addeddomaros Flower' type. ABC 2526. Diameter: 12.61mm, weight: 1.3g.

16. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the Eastern region attributed to Addeddomaros, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addeddomaros Flower' type. ABC 2526. Diameter: 12.98mm, weight: 1.31g.

17. Uninscribed gold quarter stater of the Eastern region attributed to Addeddomaros, dating c. 45-25 BC. Rudd's 'Addeddomaros Flower' type. ABC 2526. Diameter: 12.95mm, weight: 1.3g.

Discussion: The 'Near Blythburgh' hoard is unusual as an Iron Age coin hoard for East Anglia, namely because it is predominantly (10/17 coins) composed of issues attributed to Addeddomaros-whose issues are most common in Eastern England (Hertfordshire, Essex, Beds, Bucks, Cambs) with comparatively few in Suffolk. A date of deposition sometime after AD 20 seems reasonable based on the presence of the Freckenham type staters and uninscribed East Anglian quarter staters.

As part of the same find, having been deposited over 300 years ago and consisting a group of two or more precious metal coins found in association, this coin hoard qualifies as Treasure under the Act of 1996.





Report for H M Coroner

Treasure Number: 2019 T428

Find Spot: Blythburgh, Suffolk

PAS Database number: SF-C1639A

Period: Iron Age

Finder: David Cooper

Date of Discovery: February 2019

Circumstances of discovery: Metal detecting on cultivated land with the landowner's permission

Two gold Iron Age coins found as addenda to previous treasure case 2019 T143, SF-2C733B (the 'Near Blythburgh' coin hoard).

1. Uninscribed Eastern British "Cantian-inspired" "SS" gold stater, dating to c.60-20 BC
Obv: Two reversed S-shapes, banding below
Rev: Annulate horse r. beaded mane, wing motif above, wheel below
ABC 2237, VA 1509, BMC 350,
Diameter: 18.15mm, thickness: 2.71mm, weight: 5.51g
2. Uninscribed Eastern British / East Anglian gold quarter stater.
Obv: Central wreath with opposed crescents and hidden faces.
Rev: Horse, right, with feathered tail, pellets in circles above and below.
Diameter: 12.59mm, thickness: 1.34mm, weight: 1.21g

This coin is a previously unrecorded type. It may belong to the Eastern (North Thames) coinage tradition as it has some features in common with ABC 2347 (also c. 60-20 BC) and the divided forelegs on the horses on the reverse of some of the Heybridge (British Lc) quarter staters (cf ABC 2359 and Sills' Lc2 2a-c (2017, 441)). However it may also share some East-Anglian traits such as the feathered tail of the horse on the Bury types, the use of curving lines and pellets on the ANTED and ECEN staters (ABC 1639 and 1651/4) and the central wreath and possible traces of the trefoil found on the 'Irstead' quarter staters (cf ABC 1471, Talbot's Boar Horse B quarter staters (2017, 39)) in the upper left field. This latter coin has strong links to the North Thames coinage. A mixture of East Anglian and North Thames coinage is found in the original portion of this hoard.

The coins contain a minimum of 10% precious metal and are over 300 years old. Consequently they qualify as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996 in terms of both age and precious metal content, and as addenda to 2019 T143.

By Anna Booth SCCAS, May 2019

Additional comments by Eleanor Ghey May 2019



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