

2019 T800 Iron Age coin hoard (22)
From Near Blythburgh, Suffolk
SF-B77F45

Report for H M Coroner

Treasure Number: 2019 T800 (addenda to 2019 T143 & 2019 T428)

Find Spot: 'Near Blythburgh'

PAS Database number: SF-B77F45

Period: Iron Age

Finder: David Cooper

Date of Discovery: 24/08/2019

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

Description: 22 gold Iron Age coins, Addenda to existing hoard 2019 T143 & 2019 T428 (PAS SF-2C733B and SF-2C733B) of 19 gold Iron Age coins found earlier in 2019. The group consists of 11 staters and 11 quarter staters and, like the previous find, is a mixture of Eastern (North Thames) and East Anglian types.

Recommendation:

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.

By Anna Booth SCCAS December 2019

Catalogue (Anna Booth with additional identifications by Eleanor Ghey):

Staters (see fig.1):

1. A gold Iron Age uninscribed North Thames stater, dating to c.60-20 BC. 'Cantian-inspired SS', Type.

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: 18.78mm, thickness: 2.92mm, weight: 5.6g

2. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian stater, dating c. 50-20 BC. 'Norfolk Wolf Left' Type.

Obv: Wreath, cloak and crescents.

Rev: Wolf left, jaws open, bird on back and pellets above, pellet and crescent below.

ABC 1396/9, VA 610-3, BMC 218-78

Diameter: 17.59mm, thickness: 3.18mm, weight: 4.6g

3. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian stater, dating c. 50-20 BC. 'Norfolk Wolf Left' Type.

Obv: Wreath, cloak and crescents.

Rev: Wolf left, jaws open, bird on back and pellets above, pellet and crescent below.

ABC 1396/9, VA 610-3, BMC 218-78

Diameter: 18.50mm, thickness: 3.30mm, weight: 5.0g

4. A gold Iron Age North Thames stater of Addeddomaros, dating c.45-25 BC. 'Addeddomaros Spiral' Type.

Obv: Six-armed wreath spiral, three crescents at centre

Rev: Horse right with cornucopia below, three horse muzzles and inscription above (off flan).

ABC 2517, VA 1620, BMC 2396-2404

Diameter: 18.32mm, thickness: 2.99mm, weight: 5.6g

5. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian stater, dating c. 50-20 BC. 'Norfolk Wolf Left' Type.

Obv: Wreath, cloak and crescents.

Rev: Wolf left, jaws open, bird on back and pellets above, pellet and crescent below.

ABC 1396/9, VA 610-3, BMC 218-78

Diameter: 17.14mm, thickness: 3.46mm, weight: 5.0g

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6. A gold Iron Age North Thames stater of Addeddomaros, dating c.45-25 BC. 'Addeddomaros Spiral' Type.

Obv: Six-armed wreath spiral, three crescents at centre

Rev: Horse right with cornucopia below, three horse muzzles and inscription above (off flan).

ABC 2517, VA 1620, BMC 2396-2404

Diameter: 18.83mm, thickness: 3.25mm, weight: 5.5g

7. A gold Iron Age North Thames stater of Addeddomaros, dating c.45-25 BC. 'Addeddomaros Spiral' Type.

Obv: Six-armed wreath spiral, three crescents at centre

Rev: Horse right with cornucopia below, three horse muzzles and inscription above (off flan).

ABC 2517, VA 1620, BMC 2396-2404

Diameter: 17.12mm, thickness: 3.02mm, weight: 5.5g

8. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian stater, dating c.20 BC- AD 10. Talbot's Plouviez stater type (see Talbot 2017, 178). This has the obverse of the ABC 'Freckenham Cross' Types (ABC 1414, 1417 and 1420), a type that develops into Talbot's Irstead stater with reverse details common to both (cf ABC 1423).

Obv: Pellet cross (worn)

Rev: Horse right with wheel below and pellet triad above, arching motif above containing zig-zag and pellets.

Cf ABC 1420 / 1423, VA 624.7 / 626.1, BMC 3392-3404

Diameter: 20.09mm, thickness: 2.76mm, weight: 5.28g

9. A gold Iron Age North Thames stater of Addeddomaros, dating c.45-25 BC. 'Addeddomaros Crescent Cross' Type.

Obv: Crossed wreaths, back-to-back crescents at centre

Rev: Horse right with wheel below and inscription above, A[...]

ABC 2514, VA 1605, BMC 2390-94

Diameter: 17.54mm, thickness: 3.01mm, weight: 5.6g

10. A gold Iron Age North Thames stater of Addedomaros, dating c.45-25 BC. 'Addedomaros Crescent Cross' Type.

Obv: Crossed wreaths, back-to-back crescents at centre

Rev: Horse right with wheel below and inscription above, ADDIID[...]

ABC 2514, VA 1605, BMC 2390-94

Diameter: 18.95mm, thickness: 2.74mm, weight: 5.6g

11. A gold Iron Age North Thames stater of Addedomaros, dating c.45-25 BC. 'Addedomaros Crescent Cross' Type.

Obv: Crossed wreaths, back-to-back crescents at centre

Rev: Horse right with wheel below and inscription above, ADD[...]

ABC 2514, VA 1605, BMC 2390-94

Diameter: 18.71mm, thickness: 3.01mm, weight: 5.6g

Quarter staters (see fig.2):

1. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 50 BC-AD 10. 'Snettisham Wreath' Type.

Obv: Wreath crossed by single line of leaves, crescent and two rings forming face in opposing quarters, stylised locks of hair and stylised cloak in other quarters

Rev: Annulate horse right, open head, pellet in ring above and below.

ABC 1462, VA n/a, BMC 3422-34

Diameter: 9.6mm, thickness: 1.42mm, weight: 1.12g

2. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 50 BC-AD 10. 'Snettisham Wreath' Type

Obv: Wreath crossed by single line of leaves, crescent and two rings forming face in opposing quarters, stylised locks of hair and stylised cloak in other quarters

Rev: Annulate horse right, open head, pellet in ring above and below.

ABC 1462, VA n/a, BMC 3422-34

Diameter: 11.54mm, thickness: 1.37mm, weight: 1.1g

3. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 50 BC-AD 10. 'Snettisham Wreath' Type

Obv: Wreath crossed by single line of leaves, crescent and two rings forming face in opposing quarters, stylised locks of hair and stylised cloak in other quarters

Rev: Annulate horse right, open head, pellet in ring above and below.

ABC 1462, VA n/a, BMC 3422-34

Diameter: 12.84mm, thickness: 1.37mm, weight: 1.1g

4. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 50 BC-AD 20. The obverse is similar to ABC 1486 / 1489 (Talbot's Mildenhall quarter stater (2017, 211)) but the reverse type is closer to Talbot's Snettisham quarter stater (ibid. 176; ABC 1462).

Obv: Back-to-back crescents at centre of complex wreath pattern

Rev: Horse right with pellet in ring above and below and various pellets around.

Obverse c.f. ABC 1486/9, BMC 370

Reverse c.f. ABC 1462, BMC 3422-34.

Diameter: 13.12mm, thickness: 0.99mm, weight: 1.1g

5. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 20 BC-AD 10. Rudd's 'Mossop Mystery' Type.

Obv: Back-to-back crescents at centre of complex wreath pattern

Rev: Horse left, big ears, two crosses above, various small pellets around.

ABC 1486, VA n/a, BMC 370

Diameter: 11.77mm, thickness: 1.30mm, weight: 0.8g

6. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 20 BC-AD 10. Rudd's 'Mossop Mystery' Type.

Obv: Back-to-back crescents at centre of complex wreath pattern

Rev: Horse left, big ears, pellet in pellet ring above with cross to right, various small pellets around. Possibly double-struck or re-worked die.

ABC 1486, VA n/a, BMC 370

Diameter: 11.97mm, thickness: 1.04mm, weight: 1.0g

7. A gold Iron Age uninscribed East Anglian quarter stater, dating to the period c. 20 BC-AD 10. Rudd's 'Mossop Mystery' Type. The coin has the appearance of being double-struck.

Obv. Back-to-back crescents at centre of complex wreath pattern

Rev: Two horses visible, arranged at right angles. Each left, big ears, various small pellets around.

ABC 1486, VA n/a, BMC 370

Diameter: 13.12mm, thickness: 1.41mm, weight: 1.2g

8. A gold Iron Age uninscribed North Thames quarter stater, dating to the period c. 45-25 BC. 'Addedomaros Flower' Type.

Obv: Seven petals around a pellet in ring, on plain field

Rev: Horse right, pellet in ring motifs above and below.

ABC 2526, VA 1608, BMC 2416

Diameter: 12.58mm, thickness: 1.50mm, weight: 1.3g

9. A gold Iron Age uninscribed North Thames quarter stater, dating to the period c. 45-25 BC. 'Addedomaros Flower' Type.

Obv: Eight petals around a pellet in ring, on plain field

Rev: Horse right, pellet in ring motifs above and below.

ABC 2526, VA 1608, BMC 2416

Diameter: 13.75mm, thickness: 1.62mm, weight: 1.3g

10. A gold Iron Age uninscribed North Thames quarter stater, dating to the period c. 45-25 BC. 'Addedomaros Flower' Type.

Obv: Seven petals around a pellet in ring, on plain field

Rev: Horse right, pellet in ring motifs above and below.

ABC 2526, VA 1608, BMC 2416

Diameter: 13.7mm, thickness: 1.68mm, weight: 1.4g

11. A gold Iron Age uninscribed Eastern (North Thames) quarter stater, dating to the period c. 60-20 BC. Sills' Le2 type (Sills 2017, 446). As CCI 98.1280, cf ABC 2243-9. This quarter stater is an intermediate type between the later series of Gallo-Belgic D and the Kentish and Eastern (cf ABC 2243-9) British Iron Age series with plain banded or decorated obverses.

Obv: Plain with banding

Rev: Stylised Roman trophy

ABC _, VA _, BMC _

Diameter: 9.52mm, thickness: 1.70mm, weight: 1.3g

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Fig.1. Staters numbered 1-11 left to right from top to bottom



Fig.2. Quarter staters numbered 1-11 left to right from top to bottom