

## PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES SCHEME

### EDWARD THE CONFESSOR - EXPANDING CROSS TYPE

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As readers of a previous note by me on this blog will be aware, I am currently looking into the *Expanding Cross* type of Edward the Confessor, with a view to determining the relative chronological order of its Heavy and Light phases. In the process I have reviewed the evidence for the type supplied by coins reported to the Portable Antiquities Scheme, and it seems to me that it would be helpful to provide the numismatic community with a list of the coins concerned, with updated attributions and other relevant comment. If other readers of this blog with specialist knowledge of the issues of particular mints can assist with attributions for coins which I have so far failed to identify either in whole or in part, I would be most grateful.

#### *Heavy Series (45):*

1. SOMDOR-291EB1. Bedford, Aelmon. Mint and moneyer not identified on PAS site, but coin is die-duplicate of SCBI 42, 1201-2, this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.83g, Heavy series. Found East Dorset Jan 2004.
2. PUBLIC-488B0A. Bedford, Wulfwi. Recorded as “probably” of this moneyer on PAS site, but identification is certain. Cut halfpenny, 0.81g, Heavy series. Found Carlton, Beds. May 2014 (together with three coins of Cnut).
3. SF-B51EF6 (= EMC 2006.0370). Bury St Edmunds, Morcere,. Mounted and gilded, 1.64g, Heavy series. Found near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (PAS site), or Brockley, Suffolk (EMC site) Oct 2006.
4. PUBLIC-769134 (= EMC 2011.0267). Canterbury, Edwerd. Cut halfpenny, 0.95g, Heavy series. Found Stagsden, Beds. Nov 2011.
5. KENT-E653EC. Exeter, Saewulf. 1.47g, cracked, Heavy series. Found Ivychurch, Kent, date not stated.
6. WMID1348. Gloucester, Leofenoth. 1.4g, no image, but evidently Heavy series. Found Longdon, Worcs. Oct 1999.
7. SF-771D56 (= EMC 2006.0365). Ipswich, Wulfsie. 1.32g, broken and fragmentary, Heavy series. Found Great Barton, Suffolk Sep 2006.
8. ESS-05217E (= EMC 2013.0351). Lincoln, Godric. 1.7g, pierced and mounted, also gilded, Heavy series. Found Good Easter, Essex, date not stated (PAS site), or Hatfield Heath, Essex Oct 2013 (EMC site).
9. LIN-1302F0. Lincoln, Osferth. Wnr, broken, Heavy series. Found near Bardney, Lincs. Jun 2014.
10. SF-5C237E. Lincoln, uncertain moneyer (moneyer’s name absent from surviving part of coin). Cut farthing, 0.4g, Heavy series. Found Isleham, Cambs. Sep 2017.
11. KENT-5C46C2. London, [ ]ne. Cut halfpenny, 0.89g, no image, but evidently Heavy series. Found Darenth, Kent Sep 2003.
12. SF-75C37 (= EMC 2010.0246). London, Briccie. 1.68g, gilded, Heavy series. Found Boxford, Suffolk Jan 1982.
13. SF-734A91. London, Briccie. Fragments, totalling over 0.88g, gilded, Heavy series. Found Brockley, Suffolk Oct 2017.

14. BERK-E472F3 (= EMC 2013.0403). London ?, Dudinc ? (reverse inscription hard to make out). Attributed on PAS site to Lincoln, Godric, but style of obverse bust is not that of dies used at Lincoln, and the attribution of the coin on the EMC site to London, Dudinc, seems more probable. 1.6g, pierced, Heavy series. Found Beenham, Berks. (PAS site) or Stanford Dingley, Berks. (EMC site) Nov 2013.
15. SF-35BF95. London, Edred. Cut halfpenny, 0.76g, Heavy series. Found Woodwalton, Cambs. Jan 2014.
16. KENT-0179D3. London, Godwine. Mint not identified on PAS site, but coin is from same reverse die as SCBI 18, 1078, this mint and moneyer. Fragment, 0.88g, gilded, Heavy series. Found Lower Hardres, Kent, date not stated.
17. SF-648AA8 (= EMC 2005.0235). London, Leofred. Moneyer's name read as **JEODRED** on PAS site, but coin is from same reverse die as SCBI 54, 1174, this mint and moneyer. 1.51g, broken, Heavy series. Found Cransford, Suffolk Sep 2005.
18. KENT-1012AB. London, Spracelinc. 1.61g, pierced, traces of removed mount, Heavy series. Found South Norfolk, date not stated.
19. NMS-F536 (=EMC 2006.0226). Norwich ?, Leofwine. Mint not identified on PAS or EMC sites, but mint signature recorded as beginning with letter **N**, and Leofwine is a recorded Norwich moneyer. 1.46g, no image but evidently Heavy series. Found Dereham, Norfolk May 2006.
20. NMS-9EC4E4. Norwich, Thorforth. Moneyer's name recorded as Thor[ ] only on PAS site, but coin is from same reverse die as Lockett (1960) 3803, this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, wnr, Heavy series. Found Wymondham, Norfolk Aug 2015.
21. DOR-D2CF04. Oxford, uncertain moneyer. Moneyer's name recorded on PAS site as **E[ADWI]N**, but no moneyer of this name is recorded for Oxford in this type. Cut halfpenny, 0.7g, no image but evidently Heavy series. Find spot and date of discovery not stated.
22. SOM-FA6C66. Shaftesbury, probably Wulfric. Moneyer's name not present on surviving part of coin, but coin seems to be from same obverse die as Doubleday (1987), 438, this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.8g, Heavy series. Found Piddletrenthide, Dorset, date not stated.
23. WILT-C94353 (= EMC 2014.0001). Shrewsbury, Godesbrand. 1.65g, pierced and mounted, also gilded, Heavy series (variety with crosses in each angle of reverse). Found Nether Wallop, Hampshire 2013.
24. LIN-930601. Stamford, Faergrin. 1.32g, chipped, Heavy series. Found Alford, Lincs. Aug 2027 (sic!).
25. SWYOR-428882. Stamford, Wulfwine. Recorded as "probably" of this mint and moneyer on PAS site, but identification is more likely than that, as coin seems to be die-duplicate of SCBI 27, 1434, this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.66g, Heavy series. Found Caenby, Lincs. Nov 2010.
26. HAMP-ADDEA7 (= EMC 2006.0133). Steyning, Wulfgeat. Mint not identified on PAS or EMC sites, but coin is die-duplicate of SCBI 42, 1230, this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.8g, Heavy series. Found Clanfield, Hampshire May 2004.
27. SUR-D582D0. Thetford, Aelfric. 1.46g, chipped, Heavy series. Found Shrewton, Wilts., date not stated.
28. NARC794. Thetford, Estmund. 1.51g, no image, but evidently Heavy series. Found Norton, Northants. Jan 2000.

29. NMS-F4C1 (= EMC 2004.0018). Thetford, uncertain moneyer. Mint and moneyer not identified on PAS site. Cut halfpenny, 0.76g, Heavy series. Found Seething, Norfolk Jan 2004 (PAS site), or Whinburgh, Norfolk (EMC site).
30. NARC-B54AA3. Wallingford, Aeilwii. 1.3g, broken, Heavy series. Found Sheinton, Shropshire Jan 2006.
31. SUR-140244. Wallingford, Brunwine. 1.22g, fragmentary, Heavy series. Found Cholsey, Oxfordshire (formerly Berks.), date not stated.
32. SUSS-A26711. Warwick, Lufinc. Recorded as “possibly” of this mint and moneyer on PAS site, but the coin is a die-duplicate of SCBI 17, 398, this mint and moneyer, so the identification is certain. 1.51g, Heavy series. Found Beddingham, Sussex Sep 2014.
33. WILT-FE8512. Wilton, Aelfwine. 1.89g, pierced and gilded, Heavy series. Found Steeple Langford, Wilts. Jan 2012.
34. SUSS-C9D176 (= EMC 2009.0297). Winchcombe, Goldwine. 1.5g, Heavy series. Found near Chichester, Sussex Aug or Sep 2009.
35. SUR-330C93. Winchester, Aestan (i.e. Aethelstan). Recorded as “probably” of this moneyer on PAS site, but attribution seems virtually certain, for coin seems to be from the same dies as Biddle/Harvey 1592, this moneyer (although the coins from these dies recorded by Biddle/Harvey are of the Light series). Cut halfpenny, 0.64g, probably Heavy series (judging by weight). Found Upton Grey, Hampshire, date not stated.
36. IOW-836372. Winchester, [Aesta?]nn. Moneyer not identified on PAS site, where surviving part of moneyer’s name is read as **TAN**, but visible letters seem to be **NN**, in which case the probable intended reading was **AESTANN**. 0.72g, broken and fragmentary, perhaps Heavy series (judging by style of obverse bust). Found Isle of Wight Apr 2006.
37. PAS-795917. Winchester, Brand. Mounted as brooch, wnr, Heavy series. Image of obverse reproduced in reverse on PAS site. Found Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire Aug 2000.
38. HAMP-0F4407. Winchester?, Wynstan? Recorded as “probably” of this mint and moneyer on PAS site, but inscriptions are difficult to read and identification is by no means certain. Pierced and mounted, also gilded, 2.26g, Heavy series. Found Nether Wallop, Hampshire Apr 2013.
39. SUSS-96F6C1. Winchester, (Wyns)tan. PAS site suggests moneyer is Aethelstan, but the present coin appears to be from the same reverse die (and may be from the same obverse die) as Biddle/Harvey 1611, moneyer Wynstan, ascribed by them to the Light series but of which one of the two specimens known weighs 1.29g, slightly too heavy for that series. Cut halfpenny, 0.75g, Heavy series. Found Storrington, Sussex, date not stated.
40. NMS-D6207B. York, Arcytel. 1.56g, Heavy series. Found Morley, Norfolk May – Jun 2014.
41. SF-5BF464. Uncertain mint, [ ]ric. Mint and moneyer not identified on PAS site, but reverse inscription reads **RICO**, so moneyer’s name ends [ ]**RIC**, followed by the **O** of **ON**. Cut farthing, 0.4g, Heavy series. Found Isleham, Cambs. Sep 2017.
42. IOW-E53888. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Visible part of reverse inscription seems to read +**L**[ ]**NC**:, and, if so, so mint is likely to be Lincoln or Winchester. Cut farthing, 0.35g, Heavy series. Found Isle of Wight Mar 2019.

43. HAMP-AF4978. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, folded over and reverse inscription therefore not legible. 0.7g, Heavy series. Found Crawley, Hampshire Feb 2008.
44. GLO-4021D2. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Visible part of reverse inscription probably reads **NEO**, perhaps a moneyer's name ending **NE** followed by the **O** of **ON**. Cut farthing, broken and chipped, 0.36g, presumably Heavy series. Found Minsterworth, Gloucs. 2009.
45. KENT-DB165B. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Reverse inscription read as **AN(O)RM:E** on PAS site, but this does not seem at all likely. Fragment, 0.99g, Heavy series. Found Ivychurch, Kent, date not stated.

*Light Series (23) :*

1. GLO-6C9551. Bristol, Godwine. 1.00g, chipped, Light series. Found Yatton, Somerset, no date stated.
2. KENT-709031 (= EMC 2006.0303), Canterbury, Wulstan. The suggested attribution on the PAS site to Warwick ?, Thurstan ?, is incorrect. 1.06 (PAS site) or 0.93g (EMC site), Light series. Found Newchurch, Kent (PAS site) or Romney Marsh, Kent (EMC site) Aug 2006.
3. GLO-05C078 (= EMC 2014.0078). Gloucester, Aewulf (i.e.Eawulf). 0.97g, broken, Light series. Found Highnam, Gloucs. (PAS site), or Hucclecote, Gloucs. (EMC site), Dec 2012 – Jul 2013.
4. SWYOR-99DDE4. Lincoln, Colgrim. 0.94g, *PAXS* style bust, Light series. Found Ludford, Lincs. Apr 2009.
5. LIN-2844C8. Lincoln, Colgrim. Wnr, no image (but stated on PAS site to have *PAXS* style bust, so Light series). Found Horbling, Lincs. Aug 2015.
6. LANCUM-E09413. Lincoln, Godric. Moneyer not identified on PAS site, but moneyer's name on reverse can be read as **GODRIC** and coin is probably from same obverse die as Mossop pl.LXXIII, 10, this moneyer. 1.03g, *Jewel Cross* style bust, Light series. Found Lincoln Nov 2013.
7. DOR-922427. Lincoln, Godric. Cut halfpenny, 0.40g, chipped, Light series. Found Stourpaine, Dorset, date not stated.
8. LIN-A3A5BB. Lincoln, Othbrn (i.e.Othbern). 0.87g, *PAXS* style bust, Light series. Found Wragby, Lincs. Apr 2016.
9. LIN-424414. Lincoln, uncertain moneyer (moneyer's name not visible on surviving part of coin). Moneyer may perhaps be Godric (cf. reverse die of SCBI 54, 1116, this mint and moneyer). Fragment, wnr, *PAXS* style bust, Light series. Found Heckington, Lincs., date not stated.
10. BERK-9611DD. London, Aethelsige. Moneyer identified as Aelfsige on PAS site, but name on coin is **EGEL.SIEE**, i.e. Aethelsige. 1.1g, Light series. Found Besselsleigh, Oxfordshire (formerly Berks.), date not stated.
11. NCL-BCEDD2. London, uncertain moneyer. Mint and moneyer not identified on PAS site, but mint is London and moneyer perhaps Goltsie, i.e.Goldsige, cf. SCBI 54, 1130, this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.4g, chipped, Light series. Found Claxby with Moorby, Lincs. Aug-Sep 2010.
12. LIN-F4B618. Nottingham, Snoter, Cut fragment, gilded, weight not recorded on PAS site but fragment weighs 0.31g (private information). Coin has *PAXS* style bust and therefore belongs to Light series. Recorded on PAS site as found at Washingborough, Lincs., but found at Cliff Lane, Branston, Lincs. Oct 2007 (private information).

13. SUR-46F054 (= EMC 2006.0093). London, uncertain moneyer (moneyer's name not on surviving part of coin). Cut halfpenny, 0.38g, fragmentary, Light series. Found West Clandon, Surrey Jan 2005.
14. LEIC-E424E3. Stamford ?, Hardcyn ? Mint and moneyer not identified on PAS site, but visible part of reverse inscription reads **JHARDC**[, and coin is presumably of this mint and moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.59g, Light series. Found Scalford, Leics. Oct 2010.
15. SF-E3AADB (= EMC 2014.0310). Thetford, Estmund. 1.04g, Light series. Found West Stow, Suffolk Sep 2014.
16. SF-1D2CAA (= EMC 2019.0016). Thetford, Leof(ric ?). 0.83g, chipped, Light series. Found Brockley, Suffolk Sep 2018.
17. YORYM-094B28. York, Winterfugel. 1.22g, no image, Light series. Found Willerby, Yorks., date not stated.
18. HAMP-49EF38. Uncertain mint, Aelwine (mint name not visible on surviving part of coin). Presence of embossed pellet on one limb of cross suggests that mint may be London, where this moneyer is known. Cut halfpenny, 0.51g, Light series. Found Bishopstone, Wilts., date not stated.
19. LVPL576. Uncertain mint, Leofwine. Attributed on PAS site to Lincoln, but mint signature seems to read **LECPE** (or similar), and the coin's moneyer, Leofwine, is not recorded at Lincoln for the type. Coin has *Jewel Cross* bust, which suggests the obverse die was produced for use in the North of England or in the East Midlands, so mint might perhaps be Leicester. 1.05g, Light series. Found Lincs. Jan 1999.
20. SF-F09C1D (=EMC 2014.0162). Uncertain mint and moneyer. Reverse inscription recorded on PAS site as **NRIO**, and, if so, coin presumably of a moneyer whose name ends **NPI**, with **O** as the first letter of **ON** (but reading is not certain). Cut farthing, 0.22g, Light series. Found Birdbrook, Essex, date not stated.
21. NMS-602167. Uncertain mint and moneyer (visible part of reverse inscription read as **NHO** on PAS site). Cut farthing, 0.23g, slightly chipped, Light series. Found Narford, Norfolk Oct – Nov 2011.
22. SF-6C2718. Uncertain mint and moneyer (visible part of reverse inscription read as **N?[EO]** on PAS site). Cut farthing, 0.1g (sic), cracked, Light series. Found Stowmarket, Suffolk Nov 2012.
23. BERK-231675. Uncertain mint and moneyer (coin is folded over and most of the reverse inscription cannot be read from image). The reading of the inscription given on PAS site is **+ [ JRND ON ?MNTPH**, but only the letters **D ON** are readily legible. Maybe the mint signature is in reality **CENTPA**, i.e. Canterbury. 1.00g, Light series. Found West Hanney, Oxfordshire (formerly Berks.) 2010.

*Not assignable to Heavy or Light series (5) :*

1. PUBLIC-9B9076. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Reverse inscription seems to read **JIC ON PINC**[, so perhaps Winchester, [ ]ic. Cut halfpenny, wnr. Found Ringmer, Sussex, date not stated.
2. DUR-79C69C. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Fragment, 0.3g. Found Thirston, Northumberland, date not stated.
3. LIN-4AA6C1. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Reverse inscription described as illegible. Wnr, no image. Found Horncastle, Lincs. Jan 2001.

4. SOMDOR-2E1D12. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Reverse inscription described as illegible. Wnr, no image. Found West Dorset, no date stated.
5. SOMDOR-6A4655. Uncertain mint and moneyer. Reverse inscription stated on PAS site to read **EL[ ]ON[**. 0.83g, no image. Found Tarrant Launceston, Dorset Dec 2003.

*Modern Forgery (1):*

1. WILT-21D084. Warwick, Lufinc, 1.13g. An Ashmore forgery (cf. T.Abramson, *Anglo-Saxon Counterfeits*, 2012, p.190). Recorded on PAS site (where it is suggested that the coin “may well be a contemporary or later forgery”) as having been found Cricklade, Wilts. Jan 1970, but this is not likely to be true.

*Wrongly identified as being of Expanding Cross type (2) :*

1. NMS-164483. Identified on PAS site as a coin of Edward the Confessor, Expanding Cross type, but in reality a coin of Cnut, Pointed Helmet type, Lincoln, uncertain moneyer. Cut halfpenny, 0.43g. Found Shouldham, Norfolk Oct – Nov 2014.
2. LVPL-C8BB31. Identified on PAS site as a coin of Edward the Confessor, Expanding Cross type, “possibly of the Northampton or Norwich mint”, but in reality a coin of Harold I, Jewel Cross type, York, Cruccan (probably die-duplicate of SCBI 40, 648). Cut halfpenny, 0.4g. Found Darrington, Yorks. Nov 2014.

