

# A New Die For Richard III Boar's Head / Sun and Rose Halfpence

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In 2004 Lord Stewartby published a short article in the British Numismatic Journal outlining two halfpence that read EDWARD with a Boar's head initial mark. These two coins are from 2 different dies which have the legend reading -

**BH EDWARD DI GRA REX**  
**CIVI / TAS / LON / DON**

Images of these two appear at the end of this note.

Recently I was most fortunate to acquire a third specimen from E bay. The coin was a detectorist find in 2020 from Berwick Bassett in Wiltshire. which exhibits a different legend reading

**BH EDWARD DEI GRA RE**  
**CIVI / TAS / LON / DON**

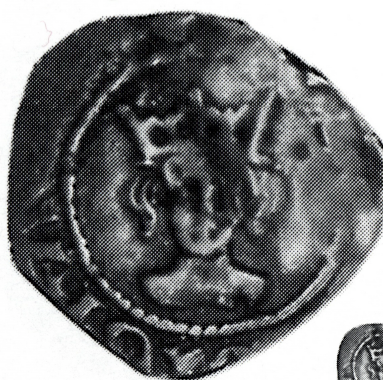
This coin has a much clearer image of the boar's head over sun and rose initial mark (see enlarged photo illustrations below). Both forms of DI and DEI are found on the Edward IV/V sun and rose halfpence and on those of Richard III so the spelling DEI on this coin is not unusual but the die cutter, by adding the E, ran out of space to add the X of REX.

This brings the total number of Edward boar's head halfpence to 3

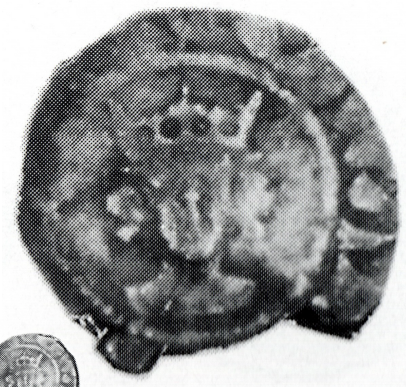
Unfortunately this type does not appear in either Spink's Standard Catalogue, J. J. North English Hammered Coins part II or in The Galata Guide to Small change series.



Author's collection  
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Stewartby  
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