

Elizabeth I, 1562 Threepence, New Obverse Die

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Diameter: 20mm, weight 1.408g, initial mark: Phaeon

I would like to share this recent addition to my collection, an Elizabeth I Threepence. On initial inspection, I thought it was missing the E of Elizabeth at the start of the obverse legend. This variation didn't appear to be listed in the Brown, Comber & Wilkinson study of Tower Mint coinage of Elizabeth I (ref 1). I then checked against the Greenhalgh in-depth Threepence study (ref 2) but again could find nothing listed. So, I contacted David Greenhalgh and it was his opinion that it was a new die with the IM overstamp of the E. In the detailed picture you can just make out the top right end of the letter E. He said he would ascribe it as 1562 DIG 9iii.



Ref 1 - The Galata Guide to HAMMERED & MILLED THREEPENNY PIECES 1551 - 1662. David I Greenhalgh. Published by Galata Print Ltd.

Ref 2 - The Hammered Silver Coins produced at the Tower Mint during the Reign of Elizabeth I. D Brown, Chris H Comber and Walter Wilkinson, with photographs by Paul Withers. Published by Galata Print Ltd.

