

# Edward IV: A Second Reign London Farthing

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In their book on the halfpennies and farthings of Edward IV to Henry VII (Withers, 2004) Paul and Bente Withers have four types of Edward IV Heavy Coinage (1461-4) London farthings. For the Light Coinage (1464-70) there is only one type represented. The farthings of the Second Reign (1471-83) have until now proven more elusive. There have been some good candidates but due to missing or unclear mintmarks it has been difficult to be certain. Fig 1. shows an Edward IV farthing that has a reasonably clear pierced cross mintmark which would represent an issue date of 1473-5 (Stewartby, 2009).



**Figure 1.** Edward IV Second Reign London Farthing.

**Obverse:** ✚ EDWARD DI GRA [REX]

**Reverse:** CIVI TAS LON DON

**Notes:** Diameter 10mm, inner circle ~6.5mm, weight 0.18gm.

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