

New die for Edward III First coinage London (class 15d) By Gareth O'Keefe

A couple of years ago I was fortunate enough to add this very rare Edward III London Class 15d penny to my collection which was found metal detecting in Lincolnshire. In the 'Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles' • 39 J.J. North states Edward III first coinage pence was minted between the years of 1327-1335. The London mint struck a small amount of pence and halfpence from 16.2.1329 to 29.9.1330.



fig 1
First coinage
Class 15d
1.25 grams

In the Galata guide to medieval pennies part 1. D.I Greenhalgh states that there is 6 known dies for class 15d London mint and 3 dies with no pellet stops after DNS, and 3 dies with a pellet after DNS•.

Obverse
DIG

1 +EDWAR•R•ANGL•DNShYB 3 dies
2 +EDWAR•R•ANGL•DNS•hYB 3 dies



Die 2i



Die2ii



Die2iii

As you can see the coin in fig 1 belongs to DIG 2 as it has a pellet after DNS. One of the easiest ways to tell the different dies apart is to look at the positioning of the letters hYB.



Die 2i



Die 2ii



Die2iii

None of the 6 dies match the coin on the subject (Fig 1). You can see how the position of the pellet is similar to Die 2i and die 2ii. Being under the serif of the letter h but the letter Y is much higher on coin fig 1, and more of a V shape what is more is the left hand fluer of the crown points to the inside of the letter h. Much more like Die 2iii. I suggest the coin should be categorised as Die 2iv.



All illustrations other than the coin on subject are taken from the Galata guide to medieval pennies part 1.

