

Binham Priory: the coins from the 1930s excavations

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Catalogue

(AML Accession codes in brackets)

- 1** Edward IV, groat (clipped), mint of London, type XIX with pellets by bust (North 1631), 1477-1480 (78100517).
- 2** Edward IV, penny (clipped), mint of York, G and key by bust (North 1594ff), 1464-1483 (78100514).
- 3** Hans Schultes III, jetton, Nuremberg. *Obverse*: GLICK IST WALCZ VND FL (quatrefoil initial mark and stops), rose and crowns. *Reverse*: HANS SCHVLTES ZV NVRE (quatrefoil initial mark and stops and 6 quatrefoils around tressure), orb in tressure. See Mitchiner 1403ff, 1608–1612 (78100477).
- 4** Hans Krauwinkel II, jetton, Nuremberg. Mitchiner 1553 (same dies), 1586–1635 (78100510).
- 5** William III, halfpenny, much worn, 1695–1701 (78100516)
- 6** George III, Irish penny, much worn, 1805 (78100515).

Discussion

The two milled copper coins were probably lost well after issue and have no archaeological significance. Likewise, the two Nuremberg jettons are examples of a very common numismatic item and reflect losses of small change in the early 17th century. They cannot be used to argue for any significant activity at the site. The two late medieval silver coins do perhaps imply some coin use in the area; both are relatively unworn and were probably not lost much after the early 16th century. It is a small sample, however, and any conclusions can hardly be pressed with any strength.