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## An exceptionally nice example, ex Gloucestershire collection



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**1. Cunobelinus Horseman.** c.AD8-41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.25g. CVNO BELI in two panels, star above and below, beaded border./ Horseman r, CVN below, beaded border. ABC 2858, VA 1951, BMC 1862, S 302. *Near EF, good silver, sharp CVNOBELI. An exceptionally nice example. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **RR £750**

This bareback horseman wears a wide-brimmed cavalry helmet, signifying rank, but seems otherwise unclad, or in skin-tight breeches. His hands-free skills equal those of Cunobelin's father

Tasciovanos' horseman (ABC 2577, 2580). Note how tightly his right leg is crooked, showing how he guides a speeding horse, mane flying, with neither bit nor bridle: he waves his right hand or brandishes a light weapon. Both kings, probably fine horsemen themselves, will have kept a permanent troop of household cavalry, and this silver issue of c.AD 15-20, often found in Catuvellaunian home territory, may have been designed to please them.



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**IBERIAN** Earliest recorded Celtic script c.60 BC.

**2. Saturn and Prow.** Andalusia. c.1st cent. BC. AE semis, Iberic imitation of Roman coinage. 17mm. 2.46g. Head of Saturn r, S behind./ Prow of boat, [RO]MA below. VB 2659. *VF, earthy green patina, clear prow.* **£50**

**IMPORTED** Gaulish coins found in England.

**3. Gallo-Belgic Broad Flan.** Right Type. Sills Gallo-Belgic Aa2, class 2b, dies 7/7. Ambiani. c.115-100 BC. AV quarter. 14mm. 1.63g. Elaborate wreathed head r./ Horse r, rosette below. ABC 28, LT 7879, VA 15-17, Sills 274, S 6. *VF, golden gold. Ex Joseph Fay coll.* **R £450**

See John Sills *Gaulish and early British gold coinage* (Spink 2003), p.128, fig. 28f. Classes 2a and 2b both equate to stater class 2.

**4. Biface.** Sills G-B Ca1, class 5b. Scheers class 5. Ambiani. c.90-80 BC. AV stater. 15-17mm. 6.41g. Stylised laureate

head right./ M-shaped horse right, pellets around. ABC 13, LT 8593, 8597, DT 157-61, VA 42-48, DK 4, S 5. *Gd VF, chunky flan, heavy weight, gorgeous golden gold, great head. Found Northants.* **£700**

**5. Bayeaux Head Boar.** *Aux sangliers, en or allié.* Série 341, var. 1. c.80-60 BC. Baiocasses. Base AV stater. 21mm. 6.65g. Head r, boar in hair./ Human-headed horse r, boar standard below. ABC 55, de Jersey fig. 57a, LT 6982, DT 2254. PAS: HAMP-91A107 (**this coin**). *Nr VF, golden hue, good head. Ex Hayling Island hoard, T 52, 2022, fd. 18.1.2022.*

**RRR as UK find £550**

The Baiocasses ('with blond curls') were based in Bessin, Lower Normandy, and gave their name to modern Bayeux. In 2019 when we valued the huge Jersey hoard (Le Câtillon II) of 70,000 coins we noted only one other of this type. Only *Liz's List* offers you rarities like this for under £1000.

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**6. Branches.** Nervii. c.60-40 BC. Cast potin. 21mm. 5.61g. Central bar formed by row of pellets, pellet either side, two wavy shapes above and below./ Lanky horse r, two pellets above, ring below. ABC 73 var., LT 8620 var., DT 629, BMC 519. *Gd VF, great horse, glossy dark patina. Fd. near Chelmsford, Essex, 2022-23. RRR as UK find, only four others recorded. £150*  
An elusive potin, we haven't sold one since 2011.

### Ex Le Catillon hoard, Jersey, 1957

**7. Ogmios and Boar. Bulging Eye and V-Nose.** Class III. Coriosolites. c.57-56 BC. Silver quarter stater. 11-15mm. 1.43g. Fierce head of Armorican sun-god right with anchor-shape nose, three large rolls of hair./ Man-headed horse right, arm and hand of 'charioteer' above, boar below. LT J 26, DT 2343, CdB *Ann.Bretagne* 1960, p.88, Pèronne 238. *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold haircurls, clear horse. Ex Royal Berkshire coll., bt. CR (1993), ex Le Catillon hoard, Jersey, 1957. RRR until 2012, Depeyrot VIII (2005), no.185, records only seven others. £500*  
This type corresponds to Anchor Nose silver staters, Rybot 75-89, *War Coins of the Sun Warriors*, p.68-70) Coriosolite quarters are much, much scarcer than Coriosolite staters and few have been found in Britain. This coin comes from the well publicised Le Catillon hoard, Jersey, 1957.

### CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

**8. Nipples. Flick Leg with Head Outline Type. Holman G4/6-1a.** c.60-40 BC. Cast potin unit. 13-16mm. 1.16g. Round linear head r, with central nipple./ Box-like bull, right leg flicked upward, central nipple. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 01.0323 (*this coin*). *Gd VF, shiny black patina,, prominent casting sprue, bold nipples. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. Chris Rudd (2001). Fd near Puckeridge, Herts., 1999.*

**RRRR only one other this type recorded £300**

David Holman says: "The Puckeridge provenance is no surprise; I strongly suspect that this subgroup originated somewhere in that area." (pers.comm. 27.9.2023).

**9. Dubnovellaunos Eagle.** c.25BC-AD5. AE unit. 14mm. 1.77g. Boar r, reversed-S under head, traces of DVBN0 in panel below./ Spread-winged eagle standing r. ABC 345, VA 180, BMC 2509-10, S 183. *VF, brown glossy patina, bonny boar, clear S-shape. Fd. Herts, between 1970-2000. RR £220*  
The reversed-S shape below the boar's head can also be seen on Iceni silver units, ABC 1630, 1642, 1645 and 1654.

**REGINI** West Sussex.

**10. Yarmouth Quarter.** c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.30g. Stylised bearded head right with spiky eyebrow, wiggly haircurls, pellet beard and three radial lines for neck./ Cruciform 'thunderbolt' motif of two

opposed 'fishes', 'shuttlecocks' and thin linear crescents. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK-, S-. CCI 95.1195 (*this coin*). *Broken and repaired, otherwise Gd VF, light golden gold, bold cruciform motif. Unpublished in all major reference works. Fd. Westhampnett, nr. Chichester, W.Sussex, 1992-93. RR only 19 recorded £350*

This is the long-lost quarter stater that was almost certainly issued to accompany the full Yarmouth stater, ABC 518, and the Chichester Chariot Wheel silver unit, ABC 701, both of which have three radial lines, as does the Yarmouth quarter. This lovely example first appeared on the open market (in 1995) and was first seen by Chris Rudd and Dr John Sills over ten years ago. For more information about this elusive and enigmatic type see *Chris Rudd Auction* 183, Lot 7.

### REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

**11. Tincomarus Eagle.** c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 10-12mm. 1.27g. Laureate head r, TINC[OM] in front, A behind./ Spread-winged eagle facing r, clutching snake. ABC 1106, VA 397, BMC 880-905, S 83. CCI 04.0561 (*this coin*). *Gd VF/VF, lovely head, great eagle. Ex J Follows coll. R £275*  
A super example, you can even see the feathers on the eagle's chest and wing.

**12. Verica Eagle.** c.AD10-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.19g. COMF in plain tablet, scroll decoration with neck torcs above and below, line and beaded border./ Spread-winged eagle standing, head turned to l, [V]I[R] above. ABC 1226, VA 471, BMC 1485-505, S 138. *VF, good silver, majestic eagle. Ex BR coll., bt. CR (1993). Fd. nr. Farnham, Surrey, late 1992. S £300*

The eagle is the crowning glory of bird symbolism and is often depicted on ancient British coins, cf. No.11. The neck torcs also serve as opposed crescent moons, one waxing, the other waning.

**13. Verica Temple.** c.AD10-40. AR minim. 8mm. 0.29g. Temple with peaked roof, [C] to r. upside-down retrograde F to l. beaded border./ Bull butting r, VER above, REX below, beaded border. ABC 1316, VA 553, BMC 1538-41, S 152. *VF/Gd VF, beautiful bull, full VER REX. Ex J Follows coll. RR £200*  
Dr John Creighton suggests that the temple shown here may refer to a late iron age temple on Hayling Island, Hampshire, which may have been dedicated to King Commios.

### ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

**14. Norfolk Wolf.** Talbot Sub-Type D, die-group 18. c.50-35 BC. Base gold stater. 16mm. 4.87g. Traces of wreath motif./ Bristly wolf l, crescent and large pellets above, pellet below. ABC 1399 var., VA 610-3, BMC 218-78, COI 7w, S 31. *F/Gd VF, bristly boar, bold pellets. Ex J Fay coll. Fd. Saham Toney, Norfolk, 12-14.4.2023. RR only 21 others recorded. £500*

**15. Odin's Eye 1. Prime Type.** Talbot Snettisham Unit, die-group 3, dies E/9. c.35-25 BC. AR unit. 12-14mm. 1.06g. Head r, corn ear hair./ Horse r, with open head and 'fire'





coming from mouth, ringed-pellet above with pellet triad either side, ringed-pellet below. ABC-, VA 665-7, BMC 3541, COI 36b, S 433. CCI 96.1747 (**this coin**). Small chip, otherwise Gd VF, toned silver, clear flame. Ex T Davey coll, bt. CR (1996). Fd. Thetford, Norfolk.

**RRR** only two others this pair of dies **£185**

**16. Crescent Corn Ears.** Talbot EPH (B). c.AD 10-20. AR unit. 11mm. 0.74g. Back-to-back outline crescents on corn ear wreath motif ring above and below./ Horse l, wheel above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1591, VA 675, BMC 3767-74, COI 76, S 435. VF, lightly toned, bold horse. Fd. Cambs.

**S £250**

**17. Anted Slope.** c.AD25-30. AR unit. 13mm. 1.03g. Back-to-back moon emblem./ Horse r, corn ear mane, pellet daisy above, below: pellet triad, diagonal row of three pellets and ANTD monogram. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3861, COI 86d, S 441. Gd VF, toned silver, full horse, sloping pellets visible.

**£295**

**CORIELTAUVI** E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

**18. Sunflower.** Sills South Ferriby Mint B, fig. 8. c.45-10 BC. Gold stater. 16-18mm. 5.50g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, dot between crescents and below./ Lunate horse left, with triangular head, crescent above, solar 'sunflower' below. ABC 1737, VA 809, BMC 3146-47, S 390. CCI 07.3636 (**this coin**). Gd VF, dark rose gold, all parts deeply engraved. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. by Frank Matthews of Grimsby, 1980s at Ludford, Lincs.

**RR** only 23 others this pair of dies **£750**

In his definitive review of South Ferriby staters Dr John Sills writes: "The South Ferriby series at Mint B opens with Derek Allen's N type, ABC 1737, which has a Ferriby forked hairbar combined with a late North East Coast reverse, with a rosette below the horse (Fig.8). The last obverse die links with several reverses that have a star in place of a rosette and define the start of the South Ferriby type proper" (Chris Rudd List 118, July 2011, p.2-4).

**19. South Ferriby.** c.45-10 BC. AE stater core. 16mm. 3.36g. Blank./ Disjointed horse, star below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1743, VA 811, BMC 3148-78, S 390. Gd VF, bold horse, clear star, beautiful dark green patina. Ex East Anglian coll, ex. D Beadell coll, bt. CR (2012). **R £75**

**20. X-Type Proto Boar.** Rich Type 4a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 1.40g. Boar r, bristly back, large beaded anemone, ringed-pellet behind, X-shape in front./ Horse l, with braided tail, beaded ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet below, beaded exergual line with comb-like decoration. ABC-, VA

855-7, BMC 3202, S-. VF/Gd VF, good silver, beautifully ornamented, clear horse. Fd. Moggerhanger, Beds., Jan. 2020. **RRR** Rich records only 13 examples in the Celtic Coin Index, inc. this one. **£450**

This superbly well centred horse has a beautifully braided tail, the like of which you are unlikely to see again on any other British Celtic coin. Note too the vertical lines in exergue which give the impression that the horse is standing in long grass. An imaginative and innovative variation of a familiar equine theme, exceptionally well executed.

**21. Aunt Cost Half.** c.AD 15-40. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.51g. Virtually blank./ Horse l, AVN above, retrograde C[OST] below. ABC 1953, VA 918, BMC 3267-68, S 404. Tiny chip, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, great horse, clear AVN. Ex T Davey coll.

**R £195**

**EAST WILTSHIRE** centred on Vale of Pewsey.

**22. Upavon Moon Head.** c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 0.75g. Lunate head r, with pellet on end of nose, wheel and other objects in front./ Hairy-tailed horse l, small rings around, spoked wheel below. ABC 2128, VA-, BMC 3015, S 378, CCI 99.0575 (**this coin**). VF, neat round flan, good head, full wheel. Ex Royal Berkshire coll., bt. CR (1999). Fd. Milton Lilbourne, Wilts., Oct. 1998.

**R £375**

**DUROTRIGES** Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

**23. Hod Hill.** c.40-20 BC. AE stater. 17mm. 3.63g. Wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l, pellets above. ABC 2175, VA 1290, BMC 2790-2859, S 371. CCI 00.0397 (**this coin**). Gd VF, glossy dark green patina, bold horse. Ex East Anglian coll. **£150**

Much rarer than most Cranborne Chase staters.

**EASTERN** uncertain north Thames types

**24. Two Boars.** c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 12mm. 1.76g. Two boars, wheel./ Horse r. ABC 2315, VA-, BMC 402-06, S-. CCI 10.2754 (**this coin**). Gd VF, holly-green patina, great boars, lovely horse. One of the prettiest examples we've had. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2009), ex Michael J Grover coll.

**R** only 36 other recorded. **£325**

**TRINOVANTES** Essex, S. Suffolk, cap.

Camulodunon (Colchester).

**25. Whaddon Chase.** Sills class 2, dies 21/42. c.55-50 BC. AV stater. 16-18mm. 5.79g. Wreath motif with rounded wings./ Horse r, with beaded mane, wing motif above, ringed-pellet below. ABC-, VA 1476-1, 3, BMC 295-305, 310-311, 329-330, DK 459, S 32 var. Good VF, golden gold, whole horse. Fd. Olmstead Green, Essex, 2020.

**RRR** only 10 others this pair of dies **£990**





**26. Dubnovellaunos Crescent Head.** c.5BC-AD10. AE unit. 13mm. 1.79g. Head r, crescentic hairline./ Horse l, ringed-pellet above, branch below. ABC 2410, VA 1665, BMC 2461-65, S 212. CCI 04.0708 (**this coin**). VF/Gd VF, *fab horse, nicely centred, well ornamented.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2004), ex C King coll. Fd. Herts. **R £275**

**CATUVELLAUNI** north Thames, cap. Verlamion (St. Albans).

**27. Tasciovanos Acorn.** Sills class 2, Stepping Horse Type. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter. 11mm. 1.32g. Crossed wreaths motif, 'teardrop' in angles./ Horse l, beaded mane, foreleg raised, tip of acorn below. ABC 2586, VA 1688, BMC 1651-53, DK 520, S 221. Gd VF, *rose gold, clear acorn.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2009). **S £650**

"The horizontal lines of the wreath always have a corded line along the centre and the vertical arms have a pellet line," *Divided Kingdoms*, p.561.

**28. Tasciovanos Sea Horse. Ver Type.** c.25BC-AD10. AE unit. 11-14mm. 1.56g. c.25BC-10AD. AE unit. 16mm. 2.81g. Head r, with flowing beard. / Fish-tailed sea horse l, VIR on exergual line below. ABC 2658, VA 1707, BMC 1714-21, S 243. CCI 00.0463 (**this coin**). VF, *light green patina, great beard, bold VIR.* Ex East Anglian coll. **R £150**

This very Celtic head with its long hair, bushy beard and walrus moustache could well be a portrait of Tasciovanos himself.



Ev. 21.6, fd.  
Braughing, Herts., 1869

### CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

*united by Cunobelinus.*

**29. Cunobelinus Two Serpents.** c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 8-13mm. 0.57g. Two coiled ram-headed serpents, guilloche border./ Horse l, ringed-pellet below, [C]VNO below, **R** below tail, O behind tail. ABC 2831, VA 1947, BMC 1856, S 299. *1/2 missing otherwise Good VF, bold horse with clear inscription.* Ex J Fay coll. Found nr. Chelmsford, Essex, 2022-23.

**RRR** only eight others recorded, inc. one in the BM **£600**

In 1998 we speculated about the possible RO behind the horse (Richard Hobbs also thought it might be a letter R), Chris Rudd List 38, No.67. Dr John Sills says: "This is the first example with a definite R, which may be a die cutting error but alternatively could be an abbreviation of Rigon, as seen on late Tasciovanos staters, ABC 2577-2580; the Two Serpents unit is an early type that is broadly contemporary with Rigon gold." (pers.comm. 18.10.2023). See Philip de Jersey, Cunoblin's silver, *Chris Rudd List* 63, May 2002, pp.5-9.



Cunobelin's Silver,  
P.de Jersey, fig. A2

**30. Cunobelinus Two Leaves.** c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 10-13mm. 1.25g. Two leaves with two crescents, [CV]N, beaded border./ Warrior on horse r, CAM. ABC 2888, VA 2047, BMC 1866-67, S 304. CCI 02.0642 (**this coin**). Gd

VF, *toned AR, bold horseman, clear CAM.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2003). Fd. Herts. **RR £325**

The leaves look like they could be holly. Philip de Jersey says: "[ABC 2885-2897 and 3005] are a typologically late group linked by their use of vegetal themes."

**31. Cunobelinus Rex.** c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 14-17mm. 2.26g. Bust r, traces of CVNOBELINVS REX around./ Bull butting r, TASC below. ABC 2966, VA 2095, BMC 1944-51, S 340. VF/Gd VF, *glossy green patina, bold bull.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. C.J.Martin, 1982. **£100**

**CHEAPO-CHEAPO!** all low grade, none over £40.

**32. Nipples. Holman G3.** Cantiaci. c.60-45 BC. Cast potin unit. 11-13mm. 1.01g. Linear head r./ Bull. ABC 174. *1/3 missing, otherwise Gd VF, greeny-grey patina, bold.* Ex J Fay coll. Fd. nr. Chelmsford, Essex, 2022. **S £40**

**33. Duro Thunderbolt.** Durotriges. c.20BC-20AD. AR quarter stater. 10-12mm. 0.27g. Plain./ Central thunderbolt. ABC 2217. *Fair, visible thunderbolt.* **£15**

**34. Cunobelinus Camulodunon.** Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 1.86g. Blank obverse./ Sphinx crouching left. ABC 2924. *Fair, brown patina, visible sphinx.* Found Barnham, West Sussex, November 2022. **S £40**

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