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Berkshire Coat of Arms

Nos. 1, 6, 8, 21, 24, 25
and 27 are from the
Royal Berkshire collection

The heaviest known bronze double unit



1. Tasciovanos Mega Pegasus. c.25BC-AD10. AE double unit. 20mm. 6.93g. Roman-style head r, TASCIA in front./ Pegasus stepping l, beaded border. ABC 2652, VA 1818, BMC 1685-87, S 241. CCI 94.1347 (**this coin**). VF, dark olive patina, bold head. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2003), C King coll, bt. CR (1994), ex J Cummings, Sept. 1994. **RR £400**

This was the heaviest Tasciovanos Mega-Pegasus when first recorded in 1994, and it still is: more than a gram heavier than its nearest rival. "The next closest in weight is the Hunterian specimen in Glasgow at 5.76g" says Dr John Sills (pers.comm. 21.2.2023). Only Tasciovanos ever issued a bronze double unit in Britain, as one of a structured set of six denominations in his third coinage. Dies for four of these feature exactly the same swift and powerful winged horse (ABC 2601, 2637, 2652, 2664). Portrait heads by Tasciovanos' most careful engravers

may well reflect his actual appearance, with a prominent nose and receding chin. The full set was probably created in c. AD 1-5 when his son, Cunobelinus, took triumphant control of *Camulodunon* and the Trinovantes, with their crucial ports and harbour facilities, and we may presume that young Cunobelinus and High King Tasciovanos (ABC 2577 = gold stater of this set) managed things to their mutual economic advantage for the rest of the older man's reign. Gold units and quarters were for high-order political dealings, silver units paid the local militia, and prolific struck bronze was something else: civilized, civilian token currency in Gallo-Roman style, only ever for subsistence wages in towns, for people not normally paid in silver. Tasciovanos was clearly an able administrator, probably setting official tariffs himself to suit local conditions, and his three bronze denominations emulated a Roman system that might appeal to merchants from Gaul doing business at *Verlamion*.



CORIOSOLITES NE Brittany (Corseul, St. Brieuc, Dinan).

2. Ogmios and Boar. Anchor Nose Type with 3-Line Wavy Lash and Union Jack. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 20mm. 6.54g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, with three rolls of hair, semi-circular eye and phallic anchor-nose./ Horse r, small boar right below. ABC 55, LT J 28 var, Rybot 75, Hooker 72, S 16. Gd VF/VF, bright AR with coppery

highlights, powerful head with sharp anchor nose. Ex J Joyner coll. **£250**

This coin was probably minted to fund the Armorican fight against Julius Caesar.

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

3. Gallo Belgic Broad Flan. Left Type. Sills G-B Ab1, class 5. Bellovacii. c.150-125 BC. AV stater. 22-24mm.

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6.78g. Draped bust of androgenous deity l, face framed by crescents, flamboyant flaming hair./ Virtually blank but traces of rosette below, pellet triad before. ABC 4, LT 7886, DT 63-68, Sch/GB class VIIIb, VA 12, S 2, Sills GGC 297, fig.331. *Fair, golden gold, clear face, including tip of nose (usually off flan).* Ex J Fay coll. **R £950**

A type not normally seen for sale under £1000.

4. Tent Type. Osismii. c.80-60 BC. Base AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.31g. Crescentic head r, with large rolls of hair, beaded cordon in front of face./ Human-headed horse r, tiny human head holding reins above, 'tent' motif below comprising a cabled pelta with three columns of dashes below. LT 6774, DT 2215, de Jersey *Armorica*, fig. 41. *Small chip, otherwise Gd VF, dark rose gold, tent fully revealed.* A most unusual quarter stater. UK found. **EXCESSIVELY RRRR as UK find. £500**

The Osismii produced a large and inventive range of gold and billon coinage from their territory in western Brittany, perhaps in a limited period before the Gallic War. Their tribal name, meaning 'Last' or 'Ultimate', was already known to the Greek navigator, Pytheas, in the 4th century BC, and reflects their position at the farthest end of mainland Gaul.

5. Boat Tree. Two Symbols Type. Scheers class 3. Morini. c.65-60 BC. AV quarter. 11mm. 1.44g. Stylised boat./ Tree motif, zigzag line, Y-shape and crescent below. ABC 40, VA 69-1, DK 26, S 10. *Gd VF, rich golden gold, bold tree.* Ex J Fay coll. *Fd. Gt Dunmow, Essex.* **RR £450**

"The Four Symbols/Two Symbols issue, is of neater style and initially has four symbols below the central bar on the reverse, subsequently reduced to two." *Divided Kingdoms*, p.15.

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

6. Bird Nose. Holman B4/2-2a. c.115-100 BC. Potin. 14-18mm. 1.97g. Head l, bird-like nose./ Bull r. ABC-, VA 108-3 var., BMC-, S-. CCI 03.0476 (**this coin**). *Fair, dark glossy patina, unusual head.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2003), ex C King coll, bt. CR (1995). *Fd. Ratham Mill, nr.Chichester, W Sussex, 1994.* **RRRR only 3 others recorded. £250**

None in British Museum. David Holman says: "I have records of only three of these, including one I found in 1989, my first-ever potin! I got it as an eyes-only find on a wet afternoon at the Worth temple enclosure site. At the time, the closest I could get was an Allen C/D variant with closest approximation being VA 108-3." (pers. comm. 20.11.2023). Now, thanks to David's magnificent report 'A new classification system for the flat linear potin coinage' *BNJ* 2016, p.1-67) we are able to pin the type down much more precisely.

7. Nipples. Holman G1/6-1b. c.60-45 BC. Cast potin unit. 14mm. 1.65g. Linear head r., central nipple./ Bull, crescents above. ABC-, VA 135-1, BMC-, S-. PAS: BH-2AAEC7 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, glossy dark-olive patina, bold nipples.* *Fd. Ashwell, Herts., Feb. 2019.* **RR £175**

8. Bear and Bull. c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 15mm. 2.44g. Bear r, bird on back./ Bull r, two-headed bird motif above. ABC 267, VA 154-3, BMC 2484-86, S 176. CCI 02.0577 (**this coin**). *VF/nr VF, mid-green patina, clear two-headed bird motif.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2002). **R £225**

The unusual ornament above the bull isn't usually seen as clearly and fully as it is here, could it be an insignia or ceremonial staff with back to back birds, specifically water birds. An elusive type and the only Ancient British coin which features a bear.



REGINI West Sussex.

9. Carn Brea. Sills British Aa2, Westerham. c.65-55 BC. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.29g. Stylised boat./ Obliterated die. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 149 (**same dies**), S-. *Gd VF, as struck in golden gold on chunky little flan. Fd. Littleport, Cambs., July/Aug 1982.* **RR only 20 others recorded. £375** This heavy quarter stater was one of the first struck in Britain. Unlisted by VA, BMC and Spink.

10. Crescents Hair. c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 15-18mm. 1.10g. Head r, with three rows of open crescents for hair./ Horse l, corded mane, octopus/jellyfish motif above (formed by ringed-pellet above joined to three ringed-pellets by short lines and two longer lines between), open crescent in front, lyre below. ABC 653, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Chipped, otherwise VF/ Good VF, huge flan, well ornamented, full lyre.* Unlisted by most major reference works. *Fd. Chichester, W.Sussex, March 2022.* **RRRR only 3 others recorded, two badly chipped. £750**

For more information on this Excessively Rare type see *Chris Rudd Auction* 174, Lot 8.

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

11. Verica Smiley. c.AD 10-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.17g. [C]OM F, crescent and two ringed-pellets above and below forming hidden faces, beaded border./ Boar right, star above, VIRI in exergue. ABC 1220, VA 470-1, BMC 1241-78, S 131. *Gd VF, bright silver, lovely boar, sharp star, complete VIRI.* **S £425**

12. Verica Neck Torc. c.AD 10-40. AR minim. 7mm. 0.27g. C F inside neck torc with knobbed terminals, beaded border./ Roman-style laureate bust right, VERIC before (V and E ligate). ABC 1310, VA 551, BMC 1526-33, S 150. CCI 99.0551 (**this coin**). *Good very fine, full legend, exquisite little coin. Very rare, only 19 others recorded.* Ex BR coll, bt. CR (2002), ex M King coll, bt. CR (1999). *Fd. nr. Chichester, West Sussex, c.22.11.1998.* **RR £250**

Professor Miranda Aldhouse-Green says: "Torcs are Celtic neck-rings: they were indicative of high status when worn by individuals; and they are frequently depicted around the necks of Celtic divinities."

13. Epaticcus Victory. c.AD 20-40. AR unit. 13mm. 1.17g. Victory seated r, arm outstretched holding wreath,



[T]AS CIOV around, beaded border./ Boar r, tree behind, EPAT below. ABC 1349, VA 581, BMC 2294-328, S 357. *Tiny chip, otherwise VF, silvery silver, bristly boar. Fd. Hampshire.* **S £275**

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

14. Norfolk Wolf Left. Two Line Diamond Type. c.50-35 BC. Base AV stater. 15-17mm. 4.27g. Virtually blank./ Wolf left, bristly back, large pellets and crescent above, pellet below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 7w, S-. *Fine/Gd VF, boldly struck bristly wolf. RR only 21 others recorded.* **£375** Reportedly found by the late John Lynn 'Norfolk Wolf', author of *Advanced Detecting*.

15. Eyeless Annulets. Talbot Large Flan C, dies L/13. c.40-35 BC. AR unit. 11-13mm. 0.95g. Crude head r, no eye, beaded arcs in front./ Horse r, three ringed-pellets in front, plain pole below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 17a, S-. *Fine/VF, large flan of bright silver, clear horse, prominent plain pole.* **RRRR only 3 others recorded. £350** Another great rarity at a fixed price.

16. Norfolk Boar. Pseudo Letters. Talbot Boar Horse B (A) Unit, dies R/- . c.AD 5-10. AR unit. 12mm. 0.77g. Bristly boar r, pseudo letters above, pellet triad below./ Horse leaping r, beaded ring above. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 60b, S-. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold animals, clear pseudo lettering.* **RR type, UNIQUE? reverse die. £250**

CORIELTAUVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

17. South Ferriby. Owl Eyes Type. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 5.41g. Traces of wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, triangle head, two large ringed-pellets and downturned anchor motif above forming hidden face, star below. ABC 1743 var., VA 811-23 var., BMC 3150 var., S 390. *Good VF, rose-gold, clear 'eyes'. Fd. Barkston, Lincs., 6.3.2022. RR £750* This South Ferriby Owl Eyes Type is similar to VA 811-23 and BMC 3150 except that each of the two pellet-eyes is completely encircled. It also differs from other Owl Eyes because there are no tiny dots around the 'pupil' of each eye (cf. *Chris Rudd List* 118, No.27 and 125, No.27).

18. South Ferriby. c.45-10 BC. AE stater core. 18mm. 4.81g. Wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, star below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1743, VA 811-5, BMC 3161, S 390. CCI 00.0276 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, dark green patina, bold wreath. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. March, Cambs.* **£85**

19. W-Forelegs Proto Boar. Rich Type 16b. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.37g. Bendy-bodied boar r, beaded ringed-pellet above./ Naturalistic horse l, with W-forelegs, large beaded circle above, ringed-pellet in front and below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3199 3210-11, S-. *VF/Gd VF, lightly toned silver, well ornamented horse.* **R 33 others recorded. £275**

Type 16b has only two obverse dies and all the examples in the CCI

show evidence of considerable wear. The horse, similar in style to Type 16a, has lost its pellet mane but has gained a pellet above its tail. Absent from ABC, Van Arsdell and Spink.

20. South Ferriby Stork Head Right. Rich Type 28a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 0.93g. Blank./ Horse r, stork head, pellet rosette above. ABC 1806, VA 884-1, BMC 3228-3229, S-. *Gd VF, large flan, lightly toned, clear pellet rosette. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **S £200**

The stork head is perhaps influenced by the triangular head of the South Ferriby staters (ABC 1743-1752). The definitive guide to the boar horse silver coins of the Corieltavi is *Boar Horse* by Matthew Rich, Chris Rudd 2014, £15 + p&p.

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. *Corinium (Cirencester)*.

21. Anted. c.AD 20-43? AR unit. 12-14mm. 0.79g. Stylised head r, with stalk lips, 'worms' and pellets in front./ Triple-tailed horse l, pellet under chin, TED above, AN and pellet below. ABC 2072, VA 1082, BMC 3032-38, S 380. *VF, lightly toned, clear inscription. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. Lloyd Bennett, 1993. "Fd. Newbury, Berks., 1993."* **S £185**

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

22. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 19mm. 2.61g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2555-636, S 367. *VF, large flan, silvery silver, bold pellets.* **£150**

The marks on the obverse are likely signs of ritual defacement.

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

23. Tasciovanos Pegasus. Small Tablet/Pegasus. Sills class 7a. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.35g. TASC in rectangular box on vertical wreath motif, ringed-pellet to l./ Winged horse flying l, tail raised, pellet above and behind. ABC 2601, VA 1786, BMC 1647, DK 533, S 226. *Nr EF, scintillating rose gold, full TASC, every letter sharp, full bodied Pegasus.* **R £800**

24. Tasciovanos Boar. c.25BC-AD10. AE unit. 14-17mm. 2.79g. Wreath motif./ Full-bodied boar running r, VER below. ABC 2667, VA 1713, BMC 1702-05, S 252. CCI 02.0104 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, glossy dark green patina, fat boar, full VER. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. Chris Rudd 2005.* **S £275**

25. Rues Griffin. c.AD1-10. AE unit. 13mm. 2.37g. RVIIS in tablet, ring above./ Griffin l. ABC 2757, VA 1895, BMC 1693-97, S 273. CCI 95.3456 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, glossy dark-green patina, crisp letters, bold griffin. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2005), ex C King coll, bt. CR (1996). Fd. Grantchester, Cambs., 5.8.1995.* **R £375**

This superb example has been through Chris Rudd catalogues twice, it's always nice to see old friends return. Rues could mean 'red', from the same root as Ruby, Rufus and Rudd, and may refer to the colour of his hair.



CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

26. Cunobelinus Wild B. Sills class 5. c.AD 8-41. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.28g. Ear of barley between [C]A M[V]./ Wild-type stallion prancing r, spiky mane, angled foreleg, branch above, tip of CVN below. ABC 2813, VA-, BMC 1844, DK 584, S 293. *Gd VF, smooth surfaces of resplendent rose gold, bold horse.* **R £650**

The horse on this type seems to have a disproportionately small head.
27. Cunobelinus Pegasus Right. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 11-13mm. 1.04g. CVNO in tablet, wreath border./ Pegasus r, TASCf below on exergual line, beaded border. ABC 2876, VA 2053, BMC 1870, S 311. CCI 02.1056 (**this coin**). *Ragged edge, otherwise VF, full inscription. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, ex Major Clem Lister coll, bt. CR (2003).* **RR £285**

28. Cunobelinus Bitch and Snake. CAM type. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 14mm. 1.14g. CVN in wreath border./ Female dog r, holding snake in paws, [C]AM below. ABC 2891, VA 2069, BMC 1893, S 320. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold CVN, clear dog.* **RRRR only two others recorded, inc. 1 in BM £950**
 An excessively rare type with a most distinctive reverse, reflected in mirror image on a bronze of Cunobelinus, ABC 2951.

29. Cunobelinus Metalworker. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15-17mm. 2.20g. Winged head l, CVNO [BE]LIN./ Seated metalworker r, [T]ASCIO behind, beaded border. ABC 2969, VA 2097, BMC 1972-83, S 347. *Gd VF, crisp inscription, detailed metalworker, lovely glossy dark-green patina.* **£250**

CHEAPO-CHEAPO! all low grade, none over £25.

30. Ecen/Anted. Icenii. c.AD25-35. AR plated unit. 13mm. 0.95g. Back-to-back moons./ Horse r, corn-ear mane. ABC 1645/1657. *Fair, most of plating intact, clear horse.* **£25**

31. Corieltavi? AR plated half unit. 11mm. 0.64g. Plain./ Horse. *Fair, some of plating intact.* **£10**

32. Duro Thunderbolt. Durotriges. c.20BC-20AD. AR quarter stater. 13mm. 0.70g. Traces of 'men in a boat'./ Central thunderbolt. ABC 2217. *Fine.* **£15**

33. Cunobelinus Stepping Horse. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15-17mm. 2.67g. Traces of central wreath./ Horse stepping r. ABC 2975. *Fair, glossy rich brown patina.* **£20**

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