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Unique as UK find



1. Two Stars Left. Bellovaci. c.58/57-50 BC. AV stater. 18mm. 5.18g. Traces of head r./ Horse prancing l, large star above and below. Scheers Series 25, class 1, plate VI, no. 159, DT 265. CCI 00.1346 ([this coin](#)). *VF, large flan of golden gold, clear stars. Ex Geoff Cottam coll, bt. Barnard, 22 April 2000. Found Preston, Kent.*

£750

Dr John Sills says: "When Simone Scheers compiled her monumental catalogue of Belgic coins in the 1970s there were only six of her series 25, class 1 staters à l'astre known, the early type with a left-facing horse on the reverse. Today there are many more, but the much commoner class 2 right-facing coins still outnumber them by three to one. This one is the only left-facing stater recorded from Britain **UNIQUE? as UK find.**

and there is still only one right-facing stater, a coin sold by Seaby's in 1979 from Petworth, Sussex. Scheers tentatively assigned the series to the Veliocasses but in a ground-breaking 1987 article Louis-Pol Delestrée reattributed them to the Bellovaci, one of the most important Belgic tribes. They are clearly a Gallic War coinage but despite their apparent strength the Bellovaci surrendered to Caesar fairly early in the campaigns of 57 BC, which may explain why so few of their wartime coins made it across the Channel. In contrast to Gallo-Belgic E, which was struck in large part to pay for help from the British tribes, the distinctive staters of the Bellovaci may have been issued to pay tribute to the Roman army rather than to finance resistance. Caesar tells us that after their defeat the leaders of the tribe fled to Britain (*de bello gallico* 2.14); did one of them bring this coin with him?" (pers.comm. 26.6.25).



BELLOVACI Beauvais region, northern France.

2. Running Man with Raptor. c.80-50 BC. AE unit. 13mm. 1.97g. Man running l, head to r, oval between legs./ Horse r, with beaded mane, bird of prey on back, wheel below. LT-, BMC-, BN 7317, 7320, DT 299, Sch/GB 583. *VF, thick flan, bold runner, beautiful emerald green patina. Ex A Levine coll, bt. CR (2017).*

RRR none in BM, only two in Scheers **£240**

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

3. Branch Type. Morini. c.57-56 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.44g. Blobby head./ Y-shape branched motif. LT 8538, DT-, ABC-, VA-, DK 23, Sch/GB 17, Sills (2006), fig. 1. *Gd VF, golden gold. Ex G Cottam coll.*

RR £250



See J. Sills, Identifying 'boat type' quarter staters, *Celtic Coin Articles from the Chris Rudd Catalogues* p.371-74 or *Chris Rudd List* 90, p.2-5.

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

4. Curved Bull. Holman C3/1-1b. c.105-90 BC. Cast potin. 21mm. 2.24g. Head l, central eye ring./ Curved back bull l, tail above. ABC-, VA-, BMC 679, S-. *VF, large flan, glossy patina. Fd. nr Dover, Kent, 2016-19.*

R £85

5. Dubnovellaunos Winged Beast. c.25 BC-AD 5. AR unit. 12mm. 1.05g. Winged beast stepping r, rings around./ Horse l, foreleg raised, ringed-pellets around. ABC 321, VA 171, BMC 2499-501, S 179. CCI 07.1176 ([this coin](#)). *VF, toned, well centred animals. Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2008). Fd. Deal, Kent.*

RR £350



REGINI West Sussex.

6. Selsey Uniface. Sills class 2b, British Qb. c.55-45 BC. AV stater. 19mm. 5.69g. Plain obverse./ Triple-tailed horse r, charioteer's arms above, spoked wheel below. ABC 488, VA 216, BMC 445, 453, 461-73, DK 156, S 39. *Near VF, as struck with worn die, large flan of golden gold.* Fd. Angmering, Sussex, 2002. **£550**

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

7. Commios Ladder Head Lazy E. c.50-25 BC. AR unit. 10mm. 0.74g. Head l, with fishy lips, vertical lentoid eye and ladder-like hair./ Two-tailed globular horse l, horizontal E symbol above with bent middle bar, reversed S-shape below. ABC 1040, VA 355-3, BMC 735-57, S 69. CCI 96.3399 ([this coin](#)). *Nr EF, neat round flan of toned silver, bold ladder-like hair, well displayed horse.* Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2008), ex Niall McCarten coll, bt CR (2002), ex Mark King coll. **S £350**

8. Commios Moon Head. c.50-25 BC. AR minim. 6mm. 0.26g. Moon head l, rings in front./ Horse l, ringed-pellet above and below. ABC 1043, VA 358-5, BMC 759-60, S 70. CCI 97.2280 ([this coin](#)). *Nr VF, toned, thick flan, well centred.* Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum coll, bt. CR (2008), ex A Clarke coll, bt. CR (2000), ex Cotswold coll. Fd. Chichester, W Sussex, w/c 6.10.97. **R £220**

9. Tincomaros Cross Lion. c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.09g. Cross, TINC in angles, beaded border./ Lion l, bucranium below. ABC 1124, VA 372, BMC 930-45, S 87. *Nr VF, toned.* Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2009). **S £220**

10. Verica Tiberius. c.AD 10-40. AR unit. 13mm. 1.23g. Figure standing holding lituus (wand), COM to l, MIF to r, beaded border./ Bust of Tiberius r, VERI behind, CA in front, beaded border. ABC 1250, VA 533, BMC 1421-49, S 136. *Gd VF/EF, cabinet toned silver, magnificent Tiberius.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, purchased 1985. **S £550**

The figure could be a statue from a possible Commios 'cult' temple on Hayling Island, Hants. Tiberius Julius Caesar Augustus (16 November 42 BC – 16 March AD 37) was Roman emperor from AD 14-37.

11. Epaticcus Bull and Eagle. c.AD 20-40. AR minim. 7mm. 0.19g. Stocky bull standing r, on exergual line, head lowered, tail raised, branch above, beaded border./ Spread-winged eagle l. ABC 1358, VA 512, BMC 2366-70, S 165. *Good VF, neat flan of lightly toned silver, boldly struck. A masterpiece in miniature.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll. Found Waltham St Lawrence, Berks. **RR £400**

The trees and branches on the silver coins of Epaticcus (see also ABC 1349, 1361, 1364) remind us that *Calleva* means 'in the woods'.

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Camb.

12. Norfolk Wolf Left. Two Line Diamond. Talbot Norfolk Wolf B, Sub-type Cii, die group 16, dies T/54. c.50-35 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.56g. Left-facing Icenian wreath motif, leaves facing upwards./ Wolf standing l, with bristly back, crescent and large pellet above, large pellet and two-linet diamond shape below, two pellets in front. ABC-, VA 610-3, BMC 228-249, COI 7r, S-. CCI 95.0385 ([this coin](#)). *VF, yellow gold, bristly wolf.* Ex Winchester coll, bt. CR (1997). Found Snettisham, Norfolk.

RRR die pair, only 23 others recorded **£995**

13. Antedios Slope. Talbot Unit die-group 1. c.AD 25-30. AR unit. 12mm. 0.80g. Back-to-back crescents./ Horse r, corn ear mane, solar daisy above, reversed-S below head, pellet triad, row of sloping pellets and [AN]TD below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 86d, S-. *VF/Gd VF, lightly toned silver, sharp horse, clear pellet triad.* Ex Gloucestershire coll. **£200**

14. Ecen Corn Ear. Wishbone Type. Talbot Ecen Unit, die-group 1, dies P/28. c.AD 25-35. AR unit. 13mm. 1.28g. Back to back crescents./ Horse r, corn-ear mane, wishbone shaped S below head, 3 pellets below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 89, S-. *EF, minty fresh, glittering silver, nice horse, clear wishbone.* Ex T Davey coll, bt. CR (1995), ex J Anderson coll, bt. CR (1993). **RRR** only 15 others with wishbone **£225**

CORIELTAUVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

15. Kite. Curved Sides Type. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 5.31g. Wreath motif with leaves facing upwards./ Lunate horse l, above: kite shape with open ends and curved sides, four pellets inside, pellet triad at one end. ABC 1761 (text only), VA 825-9, BMC 3184, S-. *Gd VF/VF, as struck, large flan of rose gold, full kite.*

RRR only 12 others this pair of dies recorded **£750**

The concave-sided 'kite' also occurs on the Norfolk God silver units of the Iceni (ABC 1564, 1567) and on Icenian half units too (ABC 1648, 1684-96). This specimen shows the curved sides very clearly. Not shown in ABC nor Spink.

16. South Ferriby. c.45-10 BC. AE stater core. 18-21mm. 4.54g. Wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, triangle head, star below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1743, VA 811-5, BMC 3161, S 390. CCI 09.3175 ([this coin](#)). *Gd VF, olive green patina, bold wreath.* Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. near Caistor, Lincs. **R £120**

17. South Ferriby Shrimp. Rich Type 24e. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.16g. Shrimp-like boar r, pellet below tail, beaded ring above./ Horse r, beaded ring above. ABC 1803, VA 877-1, 877-7, BMC 3219-3227, S 397. *Gd VF, large flan of bright silver, bold animals.* Ex A Bate coll.

RRR only 9 others recorded **£175**



18. Vepocunavos Ring. c.AD 15-40? AR half unit. 10mm 0.43g. Central wreath motif./ Horse r, [V]EP above, trefoil below head, [C]O below. ABC 1896, VA 952, BMC 3316, S 413. CCI 98.1243 ([this coin](#)). *Gd VF/VF, toned, outstanding wreath. Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2009), ex A Clarke coll, bt. CR (2001), ex R W Smith coll, bt. CR (1998).* **£120**

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

19. Eisu Oxo. c.AD 20-43? AR unit. 12mm. 1.04g. Stylised head r, ringed-pellets, snakes and crescents around./ Triple-tailed annulate horse l, EI above, S[V] below. ABC 2081, VA 1110, BMC 3043-51, COD 30a, S 382. *VF/Gd VF, neat flan, lightly toned silver, bold horse. Ex Bristol coll.* **£275**

EAST WILTSHIRE centred on Vale of Pewsey.

20. Savernake Forest. c.50-30 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 4.31g. Plain obverse./ Curvilinear horse r, high arched tail with pellet below, spiral above, wheel below. ABC 2091, VA 1526, BMC 361-64, S 37. CCI 16.0313 ([this coin](#)). *Gd VF, yellowy gold, super spiral. Ex John Robinson coll, ex Turner coll.* **R £650**

Robert Van Arsdell catalogues Savernake Forest gold staters as 'Trinovantian/Catuvellaunian'. In *Ancient British Coins* we catalogue them as 'East Wiltshire' and we feel that their distribution justifies this more westerly attribution.

21. Dahlia Horse Left. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 0.86g. Crossed wreaths./ Triple-tailed horse l. ABC 2109, VA 232, BMC 537, S 48. *Near VF, cuprous gold.* **S £275**

This type was originally classed as Atrebates but every provenanced example comes from Wiltshire. It clearly served as the prototype for the base gold East Wiltshire Vale of Pewsey quarter stater, ABC 2107.

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

22. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 16mm. 3.34g. Wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l, pellets. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1 var., BMC 2653-86, S 367. CCI 07.1159 ([this coin](#)). *VF/gd VF, bold pellets. Ex J Lambeth coll, bt CR (2007). Fd. Tarrant Monkton, Dorset.* **£150**

23. Hengistbury Six Seven Ten. Mack type 346. c.AD 40-50. Cast AE unit. 16mm. 1.94g. Six pellets to l, of forked line, seven pellets to r./ Ten pellets arranged in three rows. ABC-, VA 1346-1, BMC-, S-. CCI 07.0408 ([this coin](#)). *Gd VF, emerald green patina, bold pellets. Ex John D Watkins coll, bt. CR (2009), ex Vecchi Auction 24 March 1998, lot 7.* **S £500**

Probably minted at Hengistbury Head, Dorset, excavated 1911-12

and 1979-84. Most Hengistbury cast bronze units are locked away in museums, which is why they are rarely seen for sale. Not in ABC, BMC nor Spink.

24. Badbury Starfish. DQS Class 2, Die-group 3, dies O3/ R4. c.40-20 BC. AR quarter stater. 12mm. 0.86g. Five-arm starfish motif with central pellet and curve of pellets between each arm and ringed-pellet at end./ Horizontal thunderbolt with line of pellets between two eight-rayed lightning flashes. ABC 2220, VA 1270, BMC 2780-81, S 369. CCI 23.2201 ([this coin](#)), PAS: SUR-7548A6 ([this coin](#)). *Gd VF, silvery silver, bold starfish, sharp lightning flashes. Fd. Nether Wallop, Hants.* **RR 30 others this pair of dies £350** The Badbury Starfish is a dramatic break with tradition. For decades Durotrigan moneyers had depicted 'three men in a boat' on their quarter staters until the dies had become so worn as to be unrecognisable. We might surmise that the ruler who chose a starfish had strong maritime connections, possibly trading with merchants of Armorica (Brittany) through Poole Harbour or Hengistbury Head. The curve of pellets look like suckers between the five arms and capture the nobbly warty skin on this Dorset echinoderm (which means 'spiny skin'). Published in DQS, p.225 ([this coin](#)).

EASTERN uncertain north Thames types

25. Lister's Celtic Head. c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 13-15mm. 1.03g. Male head r, with angular eyebrow and noseline, rounded chin, shaggy moustache curling up at ends, large locks of hair falling down to the back of neck, small horse in front of face./ Well-formed horse prances r, cabled mane, corded tail, winged object and pellet triads above, beaded-ring in front, ringed-pellet below. ABC 2478, VA 1540, BMC-, S-. *VF/Gd VF, well centred, lovely horse, clear wing. Ex G Cottam coll.* **RR only 21 others recorded £950**

Is the shaggy head that of Cassivellaunos, commander of the British coalition against Caesar, 54 BC? Entirely possible, in which case it might be Britain's earliest portrait coin. Named after Major Clement Wynter Lister (1920-2010) who published the first recorded example in 1959 (BNJ 29, pp.5-7, pl.XV.6).



C.Lister

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

26. Tasciovanos Eagle Griffin. c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 11-14mm. 1.13g. Eagle standing l, head looking back, TASCI./ Griffin stepping r, small pellet triad below. ABC 2646, VA 1792, BMC 1658-59, S 232. *VF, full TASCI. Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2008).* **RR £225**



27. Tasciovanos Grazing Horse. c.25 BC-AD 10. AE unit. 12-14mm. 1.14g. VER below thick line, ?V-shapes above, ringed-pellet above and below./ Horse r, head down grazing, crescent above. ABC 2673, VA 1717, BMC-, S 254. *Gd VF, glossy black patina, clear VER, bold horse.* *Fd. Upper Dean, Beds., 1997.* **RRR** only 12 others recorded **£250**

28. Tasciovanos Boar. c.25 BC-AD 10. AE unit. 15mm. 2.28g. Wreath motif, rings above and below./ Boar r, crescent above, [VII]. ABC 2667, VA 1713, BMC 1702-05, S 252. *VF, glossy patina, bold boar.* *Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2008).* **S** **£150**

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

29. Cunobelinus Leaping Griffin. de Jersey F5. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 14mm. 1.01g. Head r, CVNOBEL IINVS./ Leaping griffin l, CAMV. ABC 2909, VA-, BMC-, S 310. CCI 04.1056 (**this coin**). *Cracked, otherwise VF, full inscription.* *Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2004).* *Fd. near Colchester, Essex.* **RRR** only 12 others recorded **£550**

The head is copied from a coin of Tiberius (AD 14-37) or a coin of Caligula (AD 37-41); on balance, possibly the latter. This coin comes from de Jersey Group F, differentiated from Group E by the size of the lettering in the inscriptions. Other coins in this series are ABC 2900, 2903, 2906 and ABC 474 (attributed to Kent). For more information see Cunobelin's Silver, see *Celtic Coin Articles from the Chris Rudd Catalogues*, p.66-70 or *Chris Rudd List 63*, May 2002.

30. Cunobelinus Rex. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.51g. Bust r, [CVNOBE] IINVS REX around, beaded border./ Bull butting r, TASC in exergue, beaded border. ABC 2966, VA 2095, BMC 1944-51, S 340. *Gd VF, lovely head, sharp inscription, strong green patina.* **£250**

The title *rex* may have been given to Cuno by Tiberius.

31. Cunobelinus Jupiter Lion. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 1.76g. Bearded head of Jupiter Ammon r, [CV]NO./ Lion r, CAM. ABC 2984, VA 2107, BMC 1991-97, S 347. CCI 03.0803 (**this coin**). *Chipped, otherwise VF, shiny emerald green patina, full CAM.* *Ex J Lambeth coll, bt. CR (2008), ex J W Barratt coll, bt. CR (2003).* *Fd. Colchester, Essex.* **£85**

32. Agr Bitch. c.AD 25-30. AR unit. 11-13mm. 1.04g. AGR in centre of wreath and pellet border./ Bitch standing r, holding snake in left paw. ABC 3005, VA-, BMC 1899, S 354. CCI 09.3320 (**this coin**). *Small chip, otherwise Gd VF, full AGR, bold bitch.* *Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2009).* *Fd. Kent.* **RRR** only 13 others recorded, inc. one in the BM. **£550**

'WHEEL MONEY'

Precise usage uncertain, possibly for votive payments, c.3rd/ 2nd cent. BC. Ref: Claude Salicis Rouelles et anneaux, 1996.

33. Bronze Wheel. 17mm. 2.44g. Four-spoked wheel. CS 6305, Victoer IX 2b. *Gd VF.* **£50**

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

34. Antedios Slope. Iceni. c.AD 25-30. AR unit. 14mm. 0.71g. cf. No.14. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 86d, S-. *VF/F, toned silver, bold moons.* **£25**

35. Cotswold Eagle B. Dobunni. c.20-10 BC. AR plated unit. 11mm. 0.43g. Moon head r./ 3-tailed horse l, 3-petal flower below. Contemporary forgery of ABC-, COD 8b. *Fine, some of plating intact, clear head and horse.* *Fd. Wiltshire.* **R as forgery £40**

36. Cunobelinus Warriors. Catuvelauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 14mm. 2.19g. Warrior on horse r./ Warrior standing holding shield. ABC 2963. *Nr VF, glossy patina.* **£15**

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