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Turning the horse into a wolf

The prototype for this superb Norfolk Wolf gold stater was the Belgic Gallic War Uniface gold stater (ABC 16) that flooded into Britain in the 50s BC, from 58 BC onwards, just three years or so before the Norfolk Wolf was created. This is an important coin, there is only one other example from these dies, and apart from showing more detail in exergue, there are also three or four neat little dots above the right-hand 'coffee bean' that are remnants of an upper border of dots that we very seldom see but is often seen on examples of Gallic War Uniface staters. Why replace the horse with a wolf? Surely to create something unmistakably their own, as though to say, 'We are with you, but we do our own thing'; and also surely to reference an aspect of their regional culture that was not shared with their inland neighbours: some of them WERE 'wolves' of a culturally Germanic sort (right across their own pond, as Belgae were across the pond from Kent). 'We are as loyal, as brave, and as dangerous when roused as hound-dogs

or wolves'. Everything about their rich, Insular, culture was distinctive and - above all - NOT Belgic; NOT Catuvellaunian, NOT taking orders from anyone at all. A coherent, collective regional culture its own right, with its own history, held together, probably, by an essentially Insular (Brittonic) druidic elite of very great antiquity, that resolved disputes, presided in cult and ceremony, even perhaps ran the games (pony and chariot racing, surely), and did diplomacy with neighbours. The Iceni were individuals and marked their stater coinage with a solar wolf in place of absolutely everyone else's solar horse - a figure from the same myth - he'd be chasing their solar horses through the sky - a warning to ambitious neighbours (like Cassivellaunus, at this time) to 'keep out of our lands, and don't meddle with wolves', and a promise to fight like wolves - as allies - if need be. See Lot 14.



Prototype
ABC 16

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Coins of the **CORIOSOLITES** of Côtes d'Armor



1. Ogmios and Boar. Anchor Nose with S-Mane. De Jersey class 2. c.60-56 BC. Silver stater. 20mm. 6.72g. Head of Armorican sun-god right, large curls for hair./ Horse right with multiple tail strands, charioteer's long-nosed head above, boar battle-standard below. LT 6598, DT 2340, Rybot 80, group IV, Hooker 80. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, bold head with lovely S-curly, clear boar.* **Est. £375 £300**
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Galic coins **IMPORTED** into Britain



2. Gallo-Belgic Broad Flan. Left. Sills G-B Ab1, class 3b, fig. 33d. Bellovacii. c.150-125 BC. Gold stater. 24mm. 7.31g. Draped bust of Apollo left with elaborate hairstyle./ Stylised horse left, charioteer above, pellet rosette below, 'coffee bean' behind. ABC 4, LT 7886, Sch/GB class VIIIb, VIIc pt. 289-290, VA 12, S 2, Sills 289-90. *Good VF, golden gold, bold strike, full face, a stunning example. Ex Joseph Fay collection. Found Brentwood, Essex, 2023. VERY RARE as UK find.* **Est. £3000 £2400**

The big elaborate hairstyle signifies this is Apollo Chrysocomes 'of the golden locks' wreathed in evergreen laurel (symbol of immortality and esoteric knowledge). The three crescent-moons and crook-hairbar remind us that Apollo was a moon-god and shepherd-god before he was acclaimed as a sun-god. On the other side of the coin we see a vestigial Apollo (high on the flan at 12 o'clock) driving his sun-chariot on its diurnal journey across the sky. The so-called 'coffee bean' behind the horse is a chariot wheel. The rosette below the horse symbolises the sun that brings flowers to bloom.



3. Gallic War Uniface. Solid Line/Pellet Arcs. Ambiani. Sills class 2. c.56-55 BC. Gold stater. 15mm. 6.14g. Plain obverse./ M-shaped horse right, crescent and pellet below, exergual plain line. ABC 16 var., LT 8710 var., VA 52, DK 10, S 11. *EF, golden gold, smooth flawless surfaces, well centred horse. Found Cookham, Berks. 1998.* **Est. £850 £700**

Coins of the **CANTIACI** of Kent

**Excessively rare pair of dies –
only four others recorded**



4. Allens Man. Sills British P, class 2, Trophy, Banded Obv, dies -/5. Gold quarter stater. 12mm. 1.30g. Banded obverse./ Stylised Roman trophy with large cross-hatched box either side, large cross-hatched circles below. ABC 195, VA 145, BMC 444, DK 58, S 47 var. CCI 09.3149 (**this coin**). *Good VF, as struck, neat flan of resplendent rose gold, bold trophy. Ex East Anglian collection, Found Essex.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only four others this pair of dies. **Est. £750 £600**

The reverse design is a development of the class 2 Tree Triangle (Caesar's Trophy, ABC 192), with a bold pellet net panel either side of a trophy-like central device and large annulets again filled with a net pattern at its foot. The central motif is similar to the trophies on several late Republican issues where arms and armour are piled on a central stake in imitation of a human figure, as for example on two denarii struck by Julius Caesar (Sear RCV 1404 and 1405), and it is possible that the engraver had seen such coins and reinterpreted the Tree Triangle design in their light. Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.88 (**this coin**).



5. Eppillus Chariot. c.AD 1-15. Bronze unit. 16mm. 2.75g. Bearded head left wearing crown, EPPIL in front./ Chariot right, with charioteer, ring above, EP•CF below. ABC 417, VA 453, BMC–, S 115. *Good VF/VF, holly-green patina, well centred, great detail, fabulous regal head. Found Canterbury, Kent, 22 February 2024. VERY RARE better than average condition.* **Est. £500 £400**
None in the British Museum.

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Coins of the **SOUTHERN REGION** early uninscribed

**Excessively rare pair of dies –
only one other recorded**



6. Selsey Dahlia. Sills British Qc, Wheel Type, Workshop 1, class 2a, No Mane, dies 6/26. c.55-45 BC. Gold quarter stater. 14mm. 1.34g. Wreath design with hidden face./ Triple-tailed horse right, pole protruding from chest, floral sun and two ringed-pellets above, wheel below, ringed-pellets in front. ABC 503, VA 220, BMC 478-81, DK 171, S 48. PAS: PUBLIC-DDE9D5 (**this coin**). *Near EF, golden gold, clear dahlia and wheel. Found near Wimborne, Dorset, 1 August 2015. EXCESSIVELY RARE only one other this pair of dies.* **Est. £850 £700**

The Selsey Dahlia are the quarter staters which accompany the full Selsey staters (ABC 485, 488). There are two types: one with a mane (ABC 500), the other without (ABC 503). Both types of Selsey Dahlia quarter are more prolific in West Sussex than north Hampshire, which suggests that they originated with the Regni rather than the Atrebates.

Coins of the **BELGAE** of Hampshire



7. Chute. Sills British Da1, class 1b. c.54-53 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 6.01g. Wreath pattern with downward-facing leaves./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse left, shrimp and large blobs above, disjointed crab below, 'pecking bird' behind. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *VF/Good VF, neat flan of buttery yellow gold, beautifully ornamented, full tail lines, lovely pecking bird, shrimp and crab. RARE* **Est. £1000 £800**

The rich Chute king may have made his money from cross-channel trading, hence the sea creatures on his staters. The crab is, first and foremost, a sleepy night sun being taken left through the waters of night towards tomorrow's dawn by the solar horse on its night ferry (nodding head, tail streaming because it's being sped along, carrying the 12 full moons of a solar year (the 'shrimp' is in place of the 1/3 of the 13th), and you see all 12 on this lovely example, but like a later Isle of Wight ruler (ABC 1385, 1388), he too could have been called Crab, which may be why a crab features so prominently on his staters.



Pecking bird



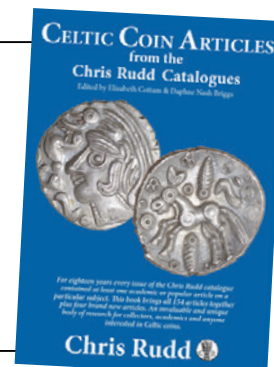
Shrimp



Crab

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8. Old Basing. c.50-40 BC. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.02g. Head right, ladder hair, tiny rings and small horse on its side in front./ Horse left, floral sun above, ring in front, double ringed-pellet below. ABC 836, VA—, BMC—, S—, *Num. Circ.* October 1990, p.269, no.18. *Good VF, lightly toned, well centred, lovely head, bold horse.* Ex John Meredith collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2014). **VERY RARE Est. £750 £600**

This could well be the forerunner of the Commios Ladder Head types. The facial features are similar, the 'ladder' hairstyle is similar. Formerly thought to be a Dobunnic type, Old Basing is now firmly bedded in the southern region. Basing, Hampshire, means 'Basa's people'. This is still a very rare type, unlisted by Evans, Mack, Allen, Van Arsdell, Hobbs and Spink.

Unique Wheel and Rosette silver unit



9. Wheel and Rosette. c.50-30 BC. Silver unit. 15mm. 0.81g. Beaded crescents either side of multi-spoked wheel, ringed-pellet in cusps, 'duck' like object either side, ringed-pellets around./ Triple-tailed annulate horse right with beaded mane, sunburst with beaded-ring in centre above, two ring rosette below, ringed-pellets around. New type, previously unpublished and unrecorded. *1/3 missing, otherwise EF, super silver, fantastic wheel and rosette, all key elements displayed fully and sharply.* **UNIQUE? Est. £650 £500**

Finding this coin is like finding a 2000-year-old newspaper. There are so many elements to the design, every one telling a story. The overall obverse design is one of symmetrical pairings, the two beaded 'eyebrows' and two 'duck' like objects opposite each other with large wheel at the centre, clearly someone's insignia and this is almost certainly the silver unit to go with the Mossop Cruciform gold quarter stater, ABC 797. The Three Wheeler gold quarter stater, ABC 779, shows two of these large wheels and also the same 'duck' like animal below the horse. The rosette under the horse is likely a round cavalry shield also seen on ABC 797. These community and war leaders in the 40s BC were probably all Belgae and all related - the sunburst insignia above the horse is also found on many Reginian coins (see Lot 6) also Huxtable's Eagles, ABC 782, Cogwheel Smiler, ABC 770, Ringed Horse Right, ABC 818, Danebury Double Boar silver unit, ABC 881 and Danebury Dragon silver unit, ABC 896. Did the warlord who issued this coin - if he survived the crisis - eventually settle in East Wiltshire where the wheel and sunburst also feature prominently? We may have the newspaper but at the moment we only have the pictures not the words.



Wheel

'Duck'

Rosette

Coins of the SOUTHERN REGION later dynastic



10. Tincomarus Tin/Hound. Sills class 5a. c.25 BC-AD 10. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.15g. TIN in tablet on plain field./ Dog leaping left, star below. ABC—, VA—, BMC 827-29, 834-36, DK 342, S—. *Good VF, neat flan of rose gold, sharp TIN, delightful dog.* Ex The Royal Berkshire Collection. **VERY RARE Est. £650 £500**
26 others recorded

Struck from a single reverse die this type features a neat left-facing animal leaping from the exergual line, with star above and below. It is usually considered a boar but the form and posture more likely indicate a dog.



11. Tincomarus Eagle. c.25 BC-AD 10. Silver unit. 10-12mm. 1.29g. Laureate head right, TINCOM in front, A behind, beaded border./ Spread-winged eagle facing right, clutching snake. ABC 1106, VA 397, BMC 880-905, S 83. *EF/Good VF, stunning head, clear lettering. Ex JC collection.* **RARE Est. £550 £440**

Tincomarus was the first southern ruler to imitate the imagery of Roman coins, as is self evident from this classically styled silver unit which not only features an Augustan head but also an Augustan spread-winged eagle.



12. Verica Vine Leaf. Sills class 5c, Leaping Horse. c.AD 10-40. Gold stater. 18mm. 5.30g. Vine leaf with stalk on plain field, dividing VIRI./ Long-legged warrior on horse galloping right, standing on right-angle plinth, C behind, O above, F below, beaded border. ABC 1193, VA 520-5, BMC 1160-61, DK 367, S 122. *Good VF, lustrous rose gold, centrally struck, well pronounced vine-leaf, full cavalryman, lovely triple-tails on horse. Ex JC collection.* **SCARCE Est. £1800 £1500**

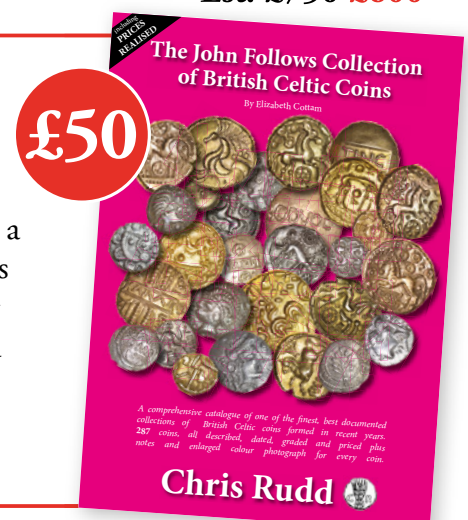
Dr John Sills says the Leaping Horse Type "is so named from the unusual attitude of the horse, which is shown leaping from one square embankment to another. It may represent the king straddling the northern and southern halves of his territory" (DK, p.279).



13. Verica Cross-Boss. c.AD 10-40. Silver unit. 14mm. 1.29g. Central pellet within four-spoked wheel, VERICA COMMI F around, beaded border./ Lion right, long S-shape tail, open crescent above, REX below, beaded border. ABC 1232, VA—, BMC 1356-57, S—. *EF, sharply struck in super sparkly silver, full inscription, bold lion with shaggy mane. Definitely the finest example we've seen of this very rare type. Ex JC collection.* **VERY RARE Est. £750 £600**

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Coins of the ICENI of northern East Anglia

**Excessively rare pair of dies –
only one other recorded**



14. Norfolk Wolf Right. Talbot Die-group 1, dies J/7. c.55-50 BC. Gold stater. 18mm. 6.19g. Wreath motif./ Wolf standing right, open jaws with crescent shaped tongue lolling out, L-shape rectangular box and 'coffee-bean' in front, pellets and crescent above, below: large pellet and crescent, exergual line with crescents and pellets. ABC–, VA–, BMC–, COI 1c, S–. *As struck Good VF, large flan of yellow gold, wonderful wolf, full jaws and long lolling tongue, pretty exergual decoration. Found Saham Toney, Norfolk, c.2018. **EXCESSIVELY RARE** die pair, only one other recorded.* **Est. £2500 £2000**

This is one of the earliest Norfolk Wolf staters struck from what was to be a vast and ultimately sacrificial outpouring of gold coinage. It dates from the crisis during or very soon after Julius Caesar's invasions in 55 and 54 BC: the obverse die, that would have been wedged in an anvil and probably difficult to remove for maintenance, shows obvious signs of heavy wear in intensive service, paired with three different reverse dies at the mint (*Made For Trade* p. 160). A sign of urgency to get a lot of community treasure minted, fast, for immediate war expenses. The weight range for this die-group is 6.13g-6.22g so this example is of good weight, right at the top of the range; and it's also a goodly chunk of freshly struck gold.

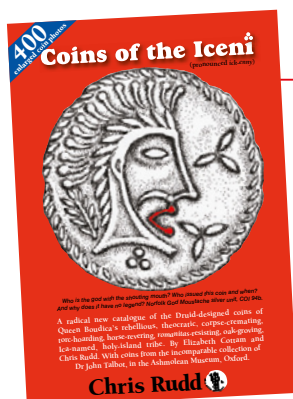


15. Bury Diadem. Main Type. Talbot Bury A. c.55-50 BC. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.48g. Female head left with long pointed nose, heart-shaped ear and wearing lunar crown, snake in front./ Horse left, tiny s-shapes for mane, solar 'anemone' above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1495, VA–, BMC 3527, COI 5a, S–. *Good VF, large flan of silvery silver, super serpent, bold horse. Ex Brian Wright collection.* **Est. £500 £400**

Looking at this finely engraved profile we are left in no doubt that it is a goddess that is depicted here – one who is associated with a double-headed serpent. Andraste perhaps? Or could she be Sirona 'the star', the North or Pole Star herself, constant in the night sky all year round and the Celto-Roman healer-goddess (see *War Coins of the Coriosolites*, p.10-11).



Serpent



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Ex Fincham hoard, Norfolk, 1993-2005



16. Norfolk Boar Star. Bird Head. Talbot Boar Horse B Unit. c.5 BC-AD 5. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.15g. Boar right, bristly back with pellets at base, four pellets below, exergual line and row of pellets./ Horse right, crescent and pellet triad above, star below. ABC 1579, VA 657, BMC 3455-56, COI 55a, S 43. CCI 98.2388 (**this coin**). *Good VF, toned, neat flan, sharp animals. Ex Peter Hall collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1999). Ex Fincham hoard, Norfolk, 1993-2005.*

Est. £375 £300

Published in *Coin Hoards in Iron Age Britain*, p.285, no.107 (**this coin**).

Excessively rare type – Unique reverse die



17. Eyelash Crescents. Petal Type. Talbot Early Pattern Horse (A) stater, dies B/-. c.AD 10-20. Base gold stater. 15-18mm. 4.67g. Four opposed crescents (two outline with 'eyelashes', two solid) in centre of cruciform wreath pattern./ Horse right, with cabled mane, ringed-pellet above, below: four-spoked wheel with pellet in angles, petals around ABC 1456, VA-, BMC-, COI 71 var., S-. *VF/Good VF, rose-gold, boldly struck, clear 'eyelashes' and distinct petals. Found Watton, Norfolk.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE type, UNIQUE? reverse die.**

Est. £1200 £1000

Eyelash Crescents stater are strongly influenced by North Thames staters. For example, the eyelash crescents come from Addedomarus (cf. ABC 2517), the V-shapes from Tasciovanos (cf. ABC 2550-74), and the palm leaf (not visible on this example) and spoked wheel from Cunobelinus (cf. ABC 2771). The addition of the small petals around the wheel is a feature also seen on the silver unit, ABC 1588 and half unit ABC 1627. Along with ABC 1639, 1651 and 1654, this is one of the last gold coins issued by the Iceni and is a great rarity. We believe that Icenia, having previously been an 'ally state' of the Catuvellauni, became a 'client state' of Cunobelinus. See 'The deal the dog made' in *Coin News*, May 2018, pp.36-39.



18. Anted Level. Talbot Anted Unit die-group 1. c.AD 25-30. Silver unit. 11-14mm. 1.18g. Back-to-back moon emblem./ Horse right, corn-ear mane, reversed-s below head, pelletal sun above, pellet triad, row of three horizontal pellets and ANTD below. ABC-, VA 711-1, 715-1, 715, BMC 3963, COI 86c, S-. *Good VF/EF, sharply struck super silver, superbly ornamented, row of horizontal pellets clear.*

Est. £300 £240

This is a particularly splendid specimen which clearly displays the king's (or queen's) monogram and which shows the horse with a wonderful corn-ear mane.

Coins of the **CORIELTAUVI** of the East Midlands

**Excessively rare pair of dies –
only four others recorded**



19. South Ferriby. Star and Floating Anchor. Sills Mint C. c.20-1 BC. Gold stater. 18mm. 5.95g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, 'coiled serpent', three lines with dashes between below./ Lunate horse left, two pellets and crescent above forming sad face, large open oval and M-shape in front, eight-pointed star below. ABC–, VA–, BMC–, S–. CCI 26.0072 (**this coin**). *EF, neat flan, boldly struck, super serpent, sharp horse. Found Bawtry, South Yorkshire, 15 March 2026. EXCESSIVELY RARE this pair of dies, only four others recorded.*

Est. £1200 £1000

A magnificent example giving a spectacularly clear view of the serpent on the obverse. Was this perhaps emblematic of mint C's (southern) district authority, hence it went on being integrated with obverse dies? The paired-crescent 'M' motif must be an issue mark – all three mints were carefully controlled, and issue marks abound. This 'M' is also seen on many of the proto boar silver units of the Corieltavi. The 'floating anchor' comprised two pellets and the downturned crescent form a sad face but we're confident the winning bidder of this magnificent example will be all smiles. Absent from ABC, Van Arsdell, BMC and Spink.



Anchor

M-shape

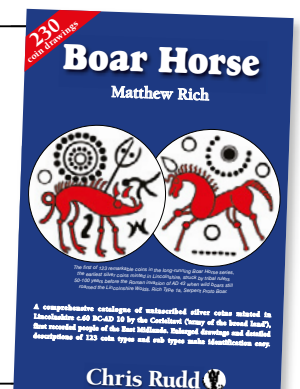


20. Domino. c.45-10 BC. Gold stater. 18mm. 5.12g. Wreath motif with inward-facing leaves./ Lunate horse left, anti-clockwise swastika below, 'domino-like' box containing pellets above. ABC 1758, VA 829, BMC 3185-86, S 393. *Good VF, resplendent rose gold, sharp wreath, full domino box. Found Clipstone, Notts. RARE*

Est. £1000 £800

In ancient symbolism four or a four-sided sign refers to the element of earth or land. In ancient Egypt earth is symbolised by a row of dots in a horizontal cartouche, not unlike the above 'domino box'.

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**Excessively rare—
only two others recorded**



21. Decorated Boar Right. Rich Type 33b. c.55-45 BC. Silver half unit. 12mm. 0.49g. Boar right, with pin-cushion brush and Y-shaped forelegs, large ring and 'bear's paw' above, ringed-pellets around./ Horse left with W-forelegs, wheel above. ABC—, VA—, BMC 3237, S—. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, dainty little boar, well decorated, bold horse. Ex Graham Slater collection.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only two others recorded. **Est. £400 £320**



22. Volisios Dumnocoveros. c.AD 35-40. Silver unit. 16mm. 1.23g. VOLI SIOS in two line panel./ Horse right, DVM above, N in front, CO below, pellets below tail. ABC 1983, VA 980, BMC 3339, S 417. PAS: SWYOR-A5649F (**this coin**). *Small chip, otherwise Good VF, large flan, full inscription. Found Swanland, East Riding of Yorkshire, November 2024.* **VERY RARE** **Est. £850 £700**

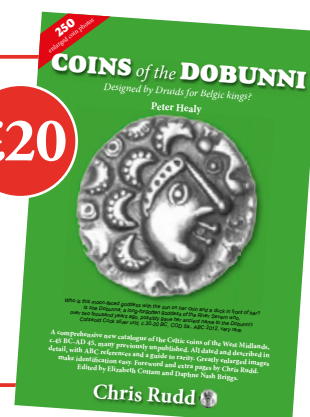
Coins of the **DOBUNNI** of the West Midlands



23. Sunburst Little Horse. Two Ringed-Pellets. c.40-25 BC. Gold quarter stater. 12mm. 1.22g. Traces of wreath motif./ Horse right, pelletal sun ring above, ringed-pellet under head, s-shape (small animal) below. ABC 2009, VA—, BMC 2945, COD 4a, S 375. *Good VF, as struck in golden gold, bonny horse. Ex JC collection.* **RARE** 48 others recorded. **Est. £500 £400**

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24. Cotswold Eagle B. Linear Mane. c.20-10 BC. Silver unit. 14mm. 0.90g. Lunate head right, crescents for hair, pellets and small animals in front./ Triple-tailed horse left, eagle head above, flower below. ABC—, VA 1042, BMC 2953, COD 8b, S—. CCI 99.1361 (**this coin**). *Good VF, large flan of lightly toned silver, bold horse, clear tail lines and linear mane. Ex Winchester collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1999). Found Gloucestershire early 1999.*

Est. £400 £320



25. Comux Tree. c.AD 5-10. Gold stater. 20mm. 5.21g. Tree symbol on plain field./ Triple-tailed horse right, [CO]MVX, two pellets, crescent and tiny x (forming hidden sad face) above, tiny x below head, tiny x and six-spoked wheel below. ABC 2054, VA 1092, BMC 3061-63, COD 21, S 385. *Good VF, large flan of rich rose gold, well centred tree and horse. Ex Matt Parker collection. Found Craven Arms, Shropshire, 25 February 2021. VERY RARE 26 others recorded.*

Est. £3000 £2400

Comux staters are more elusive than most other Dobunnic staters.

Coins of the **DUROTRIGES** of Wessex

Ex Blandford Forum hoard



26. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. Silver stater, probably with a little gold. 19mm. 6.01g. Wreath motif./ Triple-tailed horse left, twelve large pellet and one small pellet above, 'coffee bean' behind, large pellet below. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 366. CCI 04.0249 (**this coin**). *Good VF, heavyweight chunky flan of good silver, well centred horse, amazing tails. Ex John D Watkins collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2004), ex Blandford Forum hoard, Dorset, 1997.*

Est. £600 £480

Previously known as 'Abstract Type' or 'Mack 317', we re-named this series 'Cranborne Chase' after the N Dorset/S Wilts estates of Lt. General Augustus Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers (1827-1900), the father of British archaeology. The heavy weight and high calibre silver of this stater both suggest that it contains a small amount of gold, cf. metal analyses of comparable Cranborne Chase staters from the Corfe Common hoard, Dorset, 1980, in the British Museum, BMC 2527-2537 (Richard Hobbs, *British Iron Age coins in the British Museum*, 1996, p.153). In 1999 we bought 50 silver staters from the finder of the Blandford Forum hoard.



27. Badbury Rings. c.58-45 BC. Base silver stater. 19mm. 3.72g. Durotrigan wreath motif with upward-facing leaves./ Disjointed horse left with large pellets above, ringed-pellets above, small C-shape and 'coffee bean' behind. ABC 2163, VA 1246, BMC 2647, 2661, 2728-31, S—. *Good VF, super sharp wreath, full rings. Ex Geoff Cottam collection.* **SCARCE** **Est. £650 £500**

Badbury Rings silver staters, named after Badbury Rings hillfort in Dorset, are considerably scarcer than Cranborne Chase staters. This example shows the rings very clearly.

Illustrated in *Durotrigan Quarter Staters*



28. Duro Boat Gold. DQS Geometric class 3 Mid, die-group 5.1, dies O8/R20. c.50-30 BC. Base gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.10g. Stylised 'three men in a boat' motif, pellet daisy to left./ Central thunderbolt, Y-shape and uncertain object (stylised bird?) above, Y-shape and L-shape box below. ABC 2205, VA 1225, BMC 414-18, S 368. CCI 00.0688 (**this coin**). *Near EF, chunky flan with golden hue, bold bird, the heaviest of these dies recorded. Ex Winchester collection.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only three others this pair of dies recorded. **Est. £400 £320**

The Y-shapes may have been taken from the crescentic hairbar on Durotrigan staters. See Lot 27. For more information on this fascinating series see *Durotrigan Quarter Staters*, the book contains die identifications, rarities and findspots (where known) of this large series, plus maps and tables. This coin is published on p.81 (**illustrated**) and p.153 (**this coin**).

Coins of the **EASTERN** North Thames region



29. Whaddon East. Sills British Lc, class 1. c.55-45 BC. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.90g. Traces of wreath motif./ Horse right, wing motif above, ringed-pellet below, double corded exergual line. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, DK 425, S—. *As struck, Good VF, pleasing golden gold, bold horse. Ex JC collection.* **VERY RARE** only 26 others recorded. **Est. £1200 £1000**

Boldly struck in gorgeous golden gold, indicating that this is an early issue, as attested by its heavy weight. We should note the similarity of this type to the Snettisham gold staters of the Iceni (ABC 1402-11, COI 33) and bear in mind that it may perhaps have been minted in East Anglia.

**First we've had, –
only one other recorded**



30. Tail Chewer. c.55-45 BC. Silver half unit. 13mm. 0.51g. Horse left with beaded mane, head turned back, S-shaped 'horn', tail in mouth, small horse in front, beaded border./ Horse right, two strand tail, ringed-pellet below, beaded border. ABC 2291, VA–, BMC–, S–. PAS: ESS-4CDF9B (**this coin**). *As struck, Good VF, neat round flan of bright silver, bold foal. Found High Easter, Essex.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only one other recorded. **Est. £1000 £800**

The only other example of this excessively rare type was recorded with the Celtic Coin Index in 1993. Multiple horses feature prominently on early uninscribed silver coin from the North Thames region, cf. Five Horses silver unit (ABC 2273), Baylham Horses half unit (ABC 2288) and Double Equine half unit (ABC 2294). The little foal in front of the horse on the obverse is similar to the serpentine animal motif on Dobunnic quarter staters (ABC 2009, see Lot 23 and ABC 2051) and, more horse-like, Lavant Animals silver unit (ABC 677), Abingdon Zoo and Head silver units (ABC 1004, 1007). Note how the 'horn' protruding from the tail chewer's head turns the animal's mane into a serpent, reminiscent of the sort of scene displayed on the Marlborough Bucket.



Foal

Coins of the **TRINOVANTES** of Essex

**Extremely rare die pair –
only nine others recorded**



31. Dubnovellaunos Branch. II Type. Sills class 2b dies 21/26. Kretz class D3-4, dies P/20. c.25-10 BC. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.41g. Banded flan with wreath motif, two outline crescents and two rings in centre, forming two 'sad' hidden faces, ringed-pellet at end of wreath./ Full-bodied horse prancing left with beaded mane and long high-arched tail, ringed-pellet and [DVBNO]VIILLA above, beaded wavy branch below. ABC 2392, VA 1650/1655, BMC 2436, DK 538, S 207. *Good VF, scintillating rose gold, bold horse with clear inscription. Ex Anthony Bate collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2022). Found Great Shelford, Cambs., November 2019.* **EXTREMELY RARE** die pair, only nine others recorded including three in museums. **Est. £2000 £1600**

Note the very British version of the letter E (engraved as II) and the very British letter A (with a sloping bar). Observe also that the victory palm on the Dubnovellaunos stater then flies triumphantly *above* the horse for about thirty years on virtually *all* the gold staters of Cunobelinus (see Lot 33 for example). Why? Because it was Cunobelinus who ousted Dubnovellaunos from his Trinovantian capital of *Camulodunon*, perhaps by force of arms because it was Cunobelinus who replaced Dubnovellaunos at his Trinovantian capital of *Camulodunon*, presumably with the emperor Augustus' permission.



32. Andoco Crescent Wreath. Sills class 1. c.20-1BC. 11mm. 1.38g. Crossed-wreath motif with back-to-back crescents in centre and pellet between, ANDO in angles./ Full-bodied horse left with beaded mane, phallic bucranium above, wheel below. ABC 2718, VA 1863, BMC 2015-17, DK 532, S 263. *Near EF, neat round flan of resplendent rose gold, crisply cut inscription, beautiful bucranium, bold horse. Ex JC collection. Found Essex.* **Est. £1000 £800**

'The well-balanced design of Andoco's quarter staters shows a close typological relationship with Tasciovanos' issues. The obverses depict a version of the popular 'crossed wreaths' theme, most probably derived from some of Tasciovanos' 2nd coinage quarter staters such as ABC 2595 or ABC 2598. Instead of the original inscriptions TASC/TASCI or VERL/VER, they now carry the legend ANDO within the four quarters. The horse on the reverse, although stylistically similar to many of the horses on Tasciovanos' 2nd coinage quarters, is depicted in a more life-like and dynamic pose... Above is Andoco's uniquely styled bucranium... Instead of a legend there is now an elaborate wheel motif below the horse.' For more information see R. Kretz 'The Problem of Andoco...' in Spink NC, October 2002.

Coins of the CATUVELLAUNI of Hertfordshire

An exceptional bronze



33. Addedomaros Solar Flower. c.45-25 BC. Bronze unit. 14mm. 1.41g. Head left, corded right angle for hairline, corded locks of hair./ Annulate horse stepping left, pellet below tail, rosette above, solar flower below. ABC 2541, VA 1615, BMC 2450-52, S 206. *EF, dark-green patina, super surfaces, bold braided hair, great horse stepping spritely.* **SCARCE** **Est. £450 £360**

"They are always washing their hair in lime-water" to make it coarse like a horse's mane" (Diodorus Siculus, 5.28). See Lot 9 for a similar rosette above the horse. An exceptional example.



34. Tasciovanos Mega Pegasus. c.25 BC-AD 10. Bronze double unit. 18-20mm. 4.66g. Roman-style head right. TASCI in front, A behind, beaded border./ Pegasus stepping left. ABC 2652, VA 1818, BMC 1685-87, S 241. *Good VF/VF, dark green patina, bold head. Ex Geoff Cottam collection.* **VERY RARE** **Est. £450 £360**

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*.

Coins of the CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES united

**Excessively rare pair of dies –
only three others recorded**



35. Cunobelinus Linear. Sills class 2, dies 13/19. c.AD 8–41. Gold stater. 18mm. 5.37g. Ear of barley with central stalk, CA to left, MV to right./ Horse right with ladder mane, stylised leaf above with pellet below, CVN below, beaded border. ABC 2774, VA 1925, BMC 1772–83, S 281. CCI 03.0121 (**this coin**). *Good VF, large flan, well displayed central ear of barley, full legend. Ex Burford collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2003).* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only three others this pair of dies. **Est. £1200 £1000**

Published in *DK*, p.672 (**this coin**).

One of the finest



36. Cunobelinus Winged Victory. c.AD 8–41. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.23g. Bust right, CVNO behind, BELINVS in front, beaded border./ Winged Victory standing on globe, TAS behind, CIIOV in front, beaded border. ABC 2882, VA–, BMC 1883, S 316. *Good VF, good silver, superb bust, well detailed Victory. Not in Van Arsdell. Ex JC collection.* **VERY RARE** **Est. £650 £500**

This is one of the finest Cunobelinus Winged Victory silver units we have ever seen – even finer and more complete than the one in *ABC*. The imagery on both sides of the coin is overtly Roman. The female bust on the obverse may be honouring the wife of Cunobelinus or possibly his mother. The winged Victory could have flown straight off a denarius of Octavian, 31–30 BC, Sear RCV 1552, which celebrates the divinity of his great-uncle (and adoptive dad) Julius Caesar, just as Cunobelinus commemorates his father on this coin.

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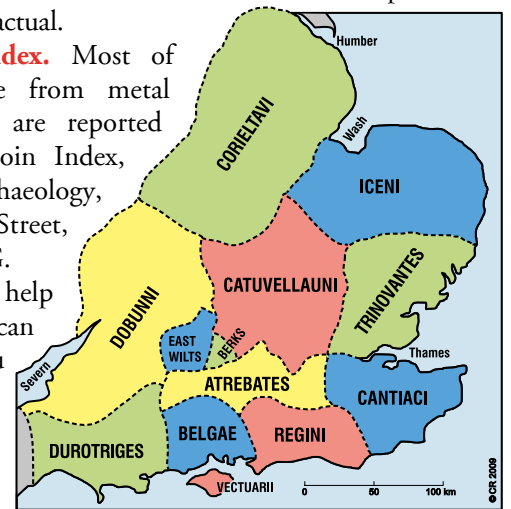
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