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TREASURE ACT 1996

**FIND OF SILVER COINS, HUNDLETON COMMUNITY (Wales 16.32)**

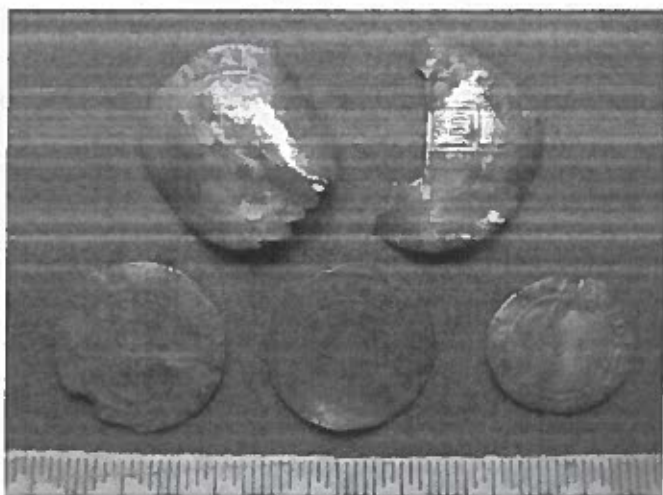
The finding of a group of post-medieval silver coins in Hundleton Community, Pembrokeshire was reported to H.M. Coroner for Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire. The coins were received at Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, via the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS Cymru) on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

*Circumstances of discovery*

The coins were found within a 25 sq m area in May 2016 by Mr Ken Lunn while searching with a metal detector on land owned by Mr Walter Simon in Hundleton Community. The NGR and addresses of finder and land owner are recorded on the Treasure Receipt Form.

*Description of find*

Five silver coins, all from the reign of Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603), all struck in London: groats (2): privy –marks Martlet (1560-1) and Crosslets (1560-1) [the second fragmentary]; threepences (2): p.m. Coronet, dated 1567 and Sword, dated 1582; half groat (1): p.m. Bell (1583). Face value: 1s 4d.



All of the coins are worn, some considerably so. If deposited together, the date of this will be considerably later than that of the latest coin (1583), perhaps at some point in the early seventeenth century.

*Treasure Act considerations*

Silver coins of Elizabeth are of high fineness, typically above 90% Ag. All of these coins are of common types, but to find five in a relatively small area suggests original association in the ground, perhaps scattered by subsequent agricultural activity. Accordingly, it is my opinion that the coins qualify as Treasure under Section 1 (1) (a) (ii) of the 1996 Act.

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No museum wishes to acquire the coins, so I recommend that they be disclaimed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

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