

Table 5.12 : Metallurgical Analysis of York gold shillings

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Ave wt</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Ave gold</u> <u>%</u>
Ai	2	1.26	2	62
Aii	1	1.28	1	65
Bi	1	1.26	1	66
Bii	1	1.28	1	65
Ci	7	1.25	2	55
Cii	1	1.29	1	60
Ciii	4	1.27		
D	1	1.28	1	55

Source:

After Williams & Hook, *SCBI* 63, 57-9

Caveats

The corpus is small to distinguish between ceremonial use and currency

A linear decline in gold content cannot be assumed so that a chronology based on this decline ma

The reliability of X-ray fluorescence is limited as only a minute surface area is examined.

may be unsafe.