

Plate 03: General Introduction to English Sceatts



Romanitas in secondary phase sceatta portraiture of Series K and T,¹ (coin right, found south Humberside).



Rare Series J variant: the defeat of evil in two acts.²



Rare Series J variant: the defeat of evil in three acts.³



Series QII: the defeat of evil in two acts (*SL* group 64)



Series B: syncretic imagery - apotropaic Uroboros
Found Castle Acre, Norfolk (*SL* group 16)



Series E: intentional anonymity
'from France' (*SL* group 97)

¹ Abramson, (2012a) p. 73-104, *SL* p. 249.

² Finds evidence from a probable hoard, offered at auction by cgb.fr in June 2013, suggests that the variety on the right was possibly minted in Quentovic.

³ Abramson, 2012d 249 for an explanation of the iconography.



Progression l-r through Series A (rare Valdobertus variety, found at Thwing)⁴, C (M \overline{C} F) to early R (Sledmere)



Deterioration l-r in late Series R (Tilberht, \overline{T} IC \overline{B} MC \overline{N} T), saltire cross reverse (found Rotherham) to geometric loss of identity (type 70, found Adwick-upon-Dearne, Doncaster).



Metrological variations in circulating coinage, Series E and U.⁵



a-d: Northumbrian Series Y (a & c, 737-58) and East Anglian Series Q (b, 740s & d, 725-45).
Sceatta reverses compared.

Findspots a-d: '4 miles east of York', Norfolk/Cambridgeshire, South Newbald and Harwell.

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Source:

Abramson collection, <http://www.anglo-saxon-coinage.co.uk/18.html>.

⁴ Mark Blackburn supported an early date for this exotic species, (Chick 32).

⁵ Abramson (2012b) 110. Millimetre scale shown.