



SILBURY COINS

AUTUMN / WINTER 2024 Newsletter

Dear All,

Autumn is nearly over, the colours this year have been wonderful, we are very lucky to have Westonbirt National Arboretum just down the road from us here in Gloucestershire.

Our team has been very busy in the office, we have a new photography set up which we are getting to grips with (please bear with us!) and we have just launched the Standlake Hoard Auction, ending on 14th December and well worth a look. We've said goodbye to Lucy and welcomed Sophie to our small team, she will be working mainly on photography and a few other office roles.

Enjoy reading below and as ever, please get in touch with any questions or suggestions!

The Silbury Team

The Silbury Spotlight

Introducing the Standlake Hoard of Boduoc Staters



This hoard consists of 6 gold staters of the Dobunnic ruler Boduoc in exceptional condition. Found near the village of Standlake in Oxfordshire on organised metal detecting events during 2023.

The finds were declared treasure and recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme and Celtic Coin Index, later disclaimed and returned to the finders and landowner.

This gives private collectors the rare opportunity to secure a high grade rarity from the Ancient British inscribed series, seldom are coins of this quality found and offered for sale.

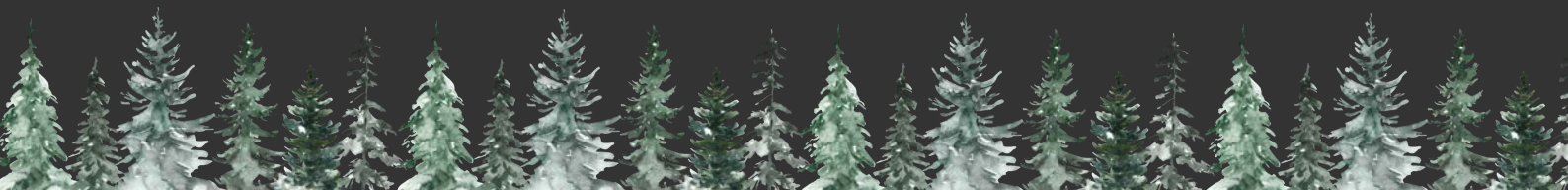
These coins will be offered for sale by auction ending at 5pm (GMT) on the 14th December 2024. Bidding is exclusively through Silbury Coins, live on our website, by email or post.

For further information or to receive a printed auction catalogue [visit our website](#) or get in touch today.

THE
STANDLAKE HOARD
OF BODUOC STATERS



Auction Catalogue





Look out for this coin offered for sale via auction on our website shortly...

Carausius & Allectus

The Roman Empire faced severe crises starting in AD 235, marked by economic collapse, rampant inflation, and a chaotic succession of short-lived emperors. External threats further destabilized the empire. In AD 284, Diocletian became emperor and introduced reforms, increasing the number of provinces and creating a Tetrarchy with Maximian as co-emperor to better manage the vast empire.



Carausius, of humble origins, rose through the military ranks and was appointed commander of the Channel Fleet in AD 286. Instead of defending against Saxon and Frankish pirates, he enriched himself and declared himself emperor of a breakaway state, the Imperium Britanniarum. He issued coinage depicting himself as co-emperor alongside Diocletian and Maximian. Although Maximian attempted to remove him, Carausius expanded his control over parts of Gaul until his assassination by his chief minister Allectus in AD 293.

Allectus succeeded Carausius but faced imminent retaliation from Rome. After a prolonged buildup, Constantius launched a successful invasion, and Allectus was killed in battle around AD 296. His brief reign ended with Britain's return to Roman rule. Allectus issued coinage, primarily in gold and bronze, which emphasized his naval strength, though no silver coins from his reign have been found

[Read the full article and view the coins →](#)



Rodney Cook Memorial Rally

The Rodney Cook Memorial Rally is an annual charity metal detecting event based in the UK dedicated to Rodney Cook, a well-known figure in the metal detecting community. All proceeds from the rally are donated to cancer research and treatment charities.

The event brings together hundreds of metal detecting enthusiasts from across the UK and abroad, providing them the opportunity to search farmland for historical artefacts. Each year, Silbury Coins has the honor of attending and we love getting out in the fields with the Metal Detecting Community, being on hand to identify finds as they are unearthed.

Gary, Lisa and the team at RCM do a fantastic job organising this event and this year we donated a George III Guinea to the charity auction in support of their charities.



