

Class 5 (c.1289- c.1290)

Issued under John of Northwold 1279-1301 (Abbot)

and (Richard de Lothbury (Monever) 3rd Nov 1287 - c16th May 1297)

Characteristics of class 5b

Class 5 saw the introduction of coins with a larger flan and lettering and is split into two sub-classes, 5a and 5b. Only class 5b coins are recorded from Bury, with each obverse having two reverses.

The widely spread crown of this class has a well proportioned low central fleur-de-lis and spearhead ornaments (jewels). Two different bust sizes appear, one thin and short with a more pointed chin (die A); and a much larger more prominent bust with a square jaw (dies B & C). Two distinctive styles of hair appear, one long and bushy associated with die A and the other much shorter hair associated with dies B & C. In both instances the hair has three curls each side with the central curl being much the thicker. The collars are realistic tunic tops having curved sides and ends, and all have a pellet in the centre of the breast. One of the most diagnostic features of this class are the large almond shaped eyes. The legends have large distinctive abbreviation marks. The majority of the lettering has vertical uprights; the open letter "E" seen in earlier classes remains. As in earlier issues the letter "S" is egg waisted, albeit not quite so prominent. Initial cross potent.

All the obverse readings are **EDWR' ANGL' DNS hYB**

Two different reverses are seen **VIL / LAS / EDM / VDI** (dies A & C); & **VIL / LAS / EDM / VNDI** (die B)

Even though the flans are much larger the coin weighs much the same as earlier issues at approx. 1.34g

Die charts of the class 5b coins

All numbers and letter references in the charts correspond to those published by Dr Eaglen in his 2014 publication "The Abbey and Mint of Bury St. Edmunds from 1279" The number in brackets on the linking lines is the number of coins so far recorded from these dies

EDWR' ANGL' DNS hYB

A



Eaglen 394 (2)

VIL / LAS / EDM / VDI

a1



Obverse (A)

Narrow face with long hair; large shaped collar; low central lis; incurved tail to letter "h"; wedge tail to letter "R";

Reverses

(a1) Much the same style of lettering as obverse; mint signature ending in **VDI**

(a2) As (a1) other than different lettering placement

Eaglen 394 (1)

VIL / LAS / EDM / VDI

a2



EDWR' ANGL' DNS hYB

VIL / LAS / EDM / VNDI

B



Eaglen 396 (1)



b1

Obverse (B)

Large face with a square chin with much shorter hair; smaller shaped collar with a small element of neck showing; incurved tail to letter "h"; wedge tail to letter "R";

Reverses

(b1) Much the same style of lettering as obverse; mint signature ending in VNDI

(b2) As (b1) other than different lettering placement

Eaglen 397 (5)

VIL / LAS / EDM / VNDI



b2

EDWR' ANGL' DNS hYB

VIL / LAS / EDM / VDI

C



Eaglen 398 (5)



c1

Obverse (C)

Face and hair as obverse die "B"; shaped collar with a small element of neck showing; incurved tail to letter "h"; wedge tail to letter "R";

Reverses

(c1) Much the same style of lettering as obverse; mint signature ending in VDI

(c2) As (c1) other than different lettering placement

Eaglen 399 (1)

VIL / LAS / EDM / VDI



c2