

Class 6b (c.1290- c.1294)Issued under John of Northwold 1279-1301 (Abbot)and (Richard de Lothbury (Moneyer) 3rd Nov 1287 - c16th May 1297)

Over the last 100 or so years leading numismatists have carried out further research on the Fox brothers's¹ original placement of class 6 before class 7. Since the time when the Fox brothers published their findings in the B.N.J. (1909-1913) many more dies and coins have become available for specialists to study revealing the likelihood that class 6 and 7 were possibly a parallel issue or actually class 6 following class 7. Some of the studies for and against this are listed at the bottom of this page.

The group is split into sub groups, 6a1 & 6a2 (recorded from London only) & 6b (recorded from London, Canterbury, Durham and Bury).

Since Dr. Robin Eaglen's 2014 publication² no new dies of class 6b of Bury have appeared. However better examples of the existing dies have been discovered. Using these new examples has allowed better die comparison resulting in small adjustments to Dr. Eaglen's work.

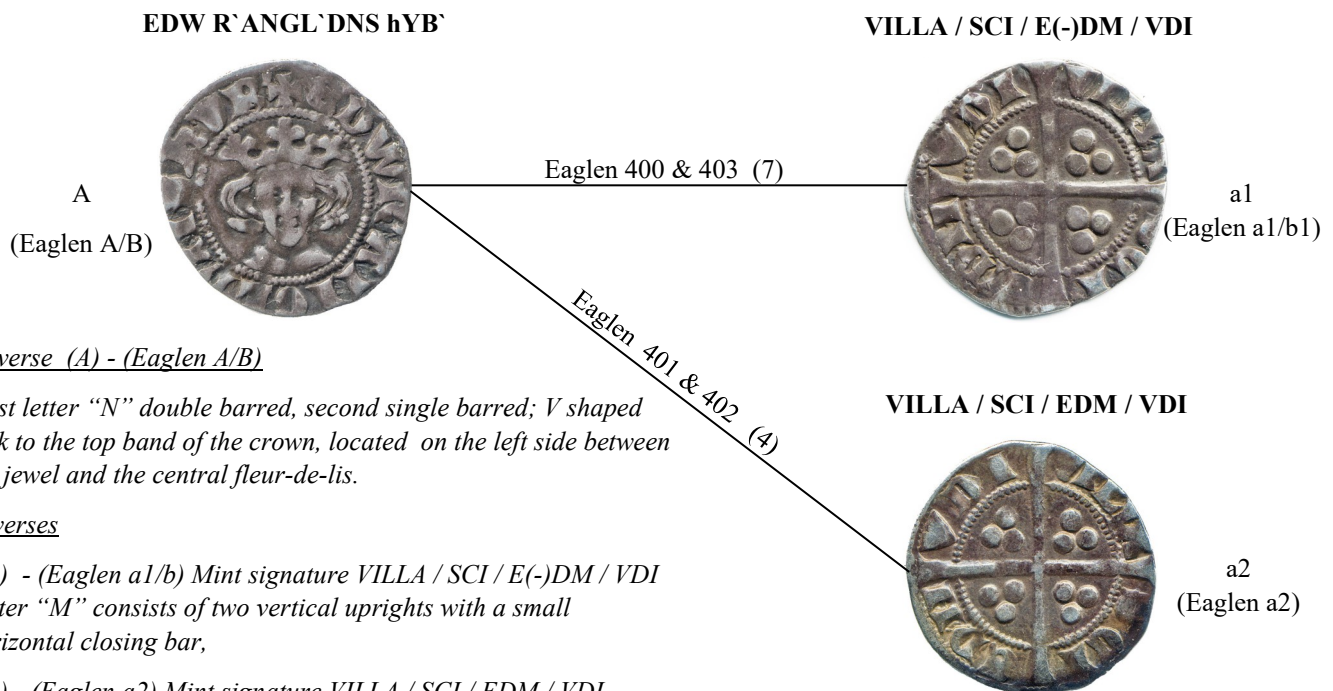
Characteristics of class 6b

Obverse reading **EDWR' ANGL' DNS hYB'**

Two different reverse readings (a1) **VILLA / SCI / E(-)DM / VDI** & (a2) **VILLA / SCI / EDM / VDI**

Smaller sized flans than in earlier issues, however coins are marginally thicker to retain weight; thick drapery with large indent to the left side; slim face with pointed chin; initial cross pattée; bushy hair with more strands to the right side; thick punches used for the central and side fleur-de-lis; almond shaped eyes; out-turned tail to letter "h"; egg waisted letter "S"; closed letter "C"; barred letter A

Average weight 1.32g

Obverse (A) - (Eaglen A/B)

First letter "N" double barred, second single barred; V shaped nick to the top band of the crown, located on the left side between the jewel and the central fleur-de-lis.

Reverses

(a1) - (Eaglen a1/b) Mint signature **VILLA / SCI / E(-)DM / VDI**
Letter "M" consists of two vertical uprights with a small horizontal closing bar,

(a2) - (Eaglen a2) Mint signature **VILLA / SCI / EDM / VDI**
Bottom of first letter "I" tipped above the heel of letter "L";
Letter "M" as in (a1)

¹H. B. E. Fox & J. S. Fox "The numismatic history of the reigns of Edward I, II, III, ", B.N.J. 6 (1909), 197-212; 7 (1910), 91-142; 8 (1911), 137-148, 9 (1912), 181-206; 10 (1913), 95-123

²Dr. Robin Eaglen "The Abbey and Mint of Bury St. Edmunds from 1279" published for the British Numismatic Society Special Publication No. 11. Published by Spink and Son ISBN 978-1-907427-37-4

G.L.V. Tatler & B.H.I.H. Stewart "Edwardian sterlings in the Montrave hoard" B.N.J. 31 (1962), 80-87.

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D. I. Greenhalgh B.N.J. Vol 59, 1988 "The fox class seven pence of Edward I"