

A recently discovered Westphalian imitation of a Bury St. Edmunds class 5 Short Cross coin

¹These coins are believed to have been struck in Lippe (*north of the Rive Rhine in Westphalia*) where they circulated with the occasional one finding its way to England.

The obverse on this coin die links with a London imitation of the moneyer ILGAR (*Stewartby 115*). These coins may not be contemporaneous with the English class 5. Lord Stewartby suggests a possible minting date ranging from 1205 to 1220. Currently these dies are only recorded from one whole coin and one cut half. A notable feature is the pellet centred letter “C” in “hENRICVS”

These coins are a reasonable copy of a coin from this period. Letter styles are probably what is most easily picked up as a difference when comparing it with an English coin.

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¹ Paper published by Royal Numismatic Society in the (N.C.) 1995 page 209-260 “German imitations of English Short Cross sterling’s by Lord Stewartby.