

A further legend variant for Edward III Treaty Period Halfpence

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Following David Greenhalgh's recent Blog on the Edward III Treaty Halfpence I realised that a coin in my collection had distinguishing features within its reverse legend outside the parameters described by either Lawrence or Withers and as such needed to be added to the corpus of known varieties.

Edward III Treaty Period 1361 to 69 Half Penny - Mint London

Obv: Crowned bust facing.

Legend: EDVWARDVS: REX: An

Reverse: Long Cross quartered by trefoil of pellets (Small and United as per L.A. Lawrence Pt IV see page 237)

Legend: - CIVI / TAS / LOn. / DOn

Single pellet after N of LOn and pellet within N of DOn - the last pellet inside N as described by LAL Pt IV (No 2) page 237.



The pellet after LOn not previously recorded by Lawrence or Withers while the pellet within the N of DOn recorded by Lawrence but not by Withers. The obverse use of the double V's for W in Edwardus typical for the early (?) Pellet / Colon versions of Withers type 17. The spacing between the initial cross and the E of Edwardus probably means this coin conforms to the type with an Apostrophe before E - missing on this coin due to metal loss.

References:

L.A.Lawrence 'The Coinage of Edward III from 1351 Part IV page 237.

'The Halfpennies and Farthings of Edward III and Richard II' by Paul and Bente Withers, Galata 2002.

Coin illustrated is from the Author's Collection.