

# John the Blind - New example for Arlon Mint

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A recent metal detecting find from Bishop Auckland, county Durham on first glance looks like a regular Edward III Sterling Imitation. On closer inspection the reverse legend looked like an official low countries' imitation starting MONETA.

After a quick search online with no results I turned to Mayhew's Sterling Imitations where I was surprised to find this was a coin of John the Blind – Count of Luxembourg. Once the legends had been matched up it was clear to be a coin of the Arlon, Belgium Mint. Mayhew comments that there are only 2 known to him for this mint.

One is shown as Mayhew 286 in his book Sterling Imitations of Edwardian Type – BNS 1983 and the 2nd example mentioned is shown in an article [1964\\_BNJ\\_33\\_25\\_p171](#) stating as the 2nd recorded example.

The images on both examples are not clear enough to check for die duplicates but this latest example is a lot clearer than the previous two so should help in future studies.

Further research to see if any others had turned up since then has drawn a blank, so I felt the need to write this short article to add an addition to this extremely rare and short-lived mint.

## John the Blind – Count of Luxembourg

**Obverse Legend: +EDWANNES .DNS REGYB**

**Reverse Legend: MON/ETA/ERL/ONS**

**Mayhew Reference: 286**

**Mint: Arlon, Belgium.**

**Find Location: Bishop Auckland, County Durham, UK – July 2021**

**Weight & Dimensions: 0.75 grams - 17mm diameter**



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