

Henry VI Restored: A new legend for the halfpenny

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For many years the Restoration halfpennies of Henry VI have been defined by having **HENRICV** as the spelling of the kings' name. The legends reading **HENRICV DI GRA REX**. This form is found on both the halfpennies with the Restoration Cross and the Short Cross Fitchée mintmarks. Recently in their book on the small silver coins from Edward I to the Commonwealth (Withers & Withers, 2023) Paul and Bente Withers added **HENRIC** as another variation of the kings' name. The halfpenny in Fig.1 shows what appears to be a new third variation.



Figure.1 Henry VI Restored Halfpenny.

Obverse: ✚ **h[ENRI]CVS DI GRA REX**

Reverse: **CI[VI] [T]AS LON DON**

Notes: Mintmark appears to be Restoration Cross. Weight: 5.4 grains.

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