

9.2 SOUTHERN COUNTIES (EAST)

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BERKSHIRE

(1) **Arborfield and Newland**: denarius of Hadrian. Deposited c. A.D. 203–6 or later.¹

(2) **Newell Green**, *Watersplash Lane, West Berkshire* (SU 8714 7118): evaluation trenching revealed a Roman ditch and several undated features.² Although only 26 sherds of pottery were recovered, all in variants of sandy grey wares, six appear to be from one vessel and twelve from another.

(3) **Reading**, Ridgeway Primary School, South Reading (SU 7280 7030): hoard of 532 radiates in a ceramic vessel: Gordian III, 1; Philip I, 3; Joint reign of Valerian and Gallienus, 20 (Valerian, 2; Gallienus, 8; Salonina, 9; Valerian II, 1); Gallienus (sole reign), 88; Salonina (sole reign), 3; Claudius II, 69; Divus Claudius II, 2; Postumus, 77; Laelian, 1; Marius, 5; Victorinus, 135; Tetricus I, 86; Tetricus II, 12; Uncertain emperor, 26. Totals include irregular and possibly irregular coins, c. A.D. 274 or later. The hoard was contained within a damaged Alice Holt greyware flask and placed in a small pit which was partly within the subsoil above a ditch.³

EAST SUSSEX

(1) **Ringmer** *The Orchards, Uckfield Road* (TQ 4414 1383): excavation confirmed the presence of traces of the Roman road from Arlington to Barcombe, albeit severely truncated.⁴ It is possible that the road follows a natural geological ridge, which contains a large amount of iron pan and manganese inclusions.

KENT

1) **Alkham**: hoard of 1 solidus and 11 siliquae: Solidus: Honorius, Milan (*RIC* 1206, A.D. 395–402); *Siliquae*: A.D. 364–7, 2 (Rome); A.D. 375–8, 1 (Trier); A.D. 378–88, 4 (Trier); A.D. 379–95, 3 (Trier, 1; Trier or Aquileia, 1, Milan, 1); A.D. 393–402, 1 (Milan). Deposited c. A.D. 395–402 or later.⁵ The majority of the silver coins in the hoard are clipped.

¹ BM ref. 2017 T372, addendum to 2013 T616 and 1998 find. PAS ID: SUR-067E2B. D. Williams sent information.

² Work by C. Galleano of Thames Valley Archaeological Services. S. Preston sent information.

³ BM ref: 2015 T285. PAS ID: SUR-0A38E9. Found in April 2015, in the course of archaeological excavation at by Thames Valley Archaeological Services. Deposited in Reading Museum, with site archive. S. Porter sent information.

⁴ Work by S. Wallis of Thames Valley Archaeological Services South. S. Preston sent information.

⁵ BM ref: 2017 T404. PAS ID: KENT-E5B4BB. W. (Jo) Ahmet and E. Ghey sent information.

2) **Ashford**, *Cheeseman's Green Area A1*, (TR 02398 39339): trial trenches recorded a set of undated parallel ditches adjacent to the known Roman Road to the south of Bilham Farm.⁶

3) **Ashford**, *Jarvis Land at Chilmington Green*, (TQ 97811 40109): evaluation identified prehistoric and medieval archaeology alongside shallow Romano-British ditches indicating agricultural activity at some distance from any settlement.⁷

(4) **Sittingbourne**, *Regis Manor Primary School, Middletune Avenue* (TQ 90298 65174): a possible early Roman robbed-out wall was revealed, as a band of mortar that had adhered to the underlying strata.⁸

SURREY

(1) **Staines**, *land to the east of Hounslow Road* (TQ 0227 7158): two late Roman ditches were interpreted as field boundaries.⁹

WEST SUSSEX

(1) **East of Billingshurst**: hoard of at least 22 radiates and fragments: Gallienus (sole reign), 3; Salonina (sole reign), 1; Claudius II, 8; Divus Claudius II, 1; Postumus, 1; Uncertain emperor, 7; Irregular, 1. Deposited c. A.D. 270 or later.¹⁰

(2) **Compton**: 1 siliqua and 14 nummi. Siliqua A.D. 364–7 (Rome). Nummi: A.D. 335–7, 1 (Trier); A.D. 353–3, 1 (Arles); A.D. 364–75, 1 (Lyon or Arles); A.D. 364–78, 11 (Uncertain mint). Deposited c. A.D. 378 or later.¹¹

(3) **Funtington**: 37 radiates: Gallienus (sole reign), 1; Salonina (sole reign), 4; Claudius II, 5; Victorinus, 2; Tetricus I, 8; Tetricus II, 4; Uncertain Gallic emperor, 6; Uncertain emperor, 7. Deposited c. A.D. 274 or later.¹²

⁶ Directed by L. McCaig of Wessex Archaeology for CgMs. A. Tuck sent information.

⁷ Directed by E. Seredynska of Wessex Archaeology, for Ashford Borough Council. A. Tuck sent information.

⁸ Evaluation by G. Seddon of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd for Pellings on behalf of Gen² Property Limited. T. Vitali sent information.

⁹ Archaeological strip, map and record exercise by K. Bower of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd for CgMs Consulting on behalf of Travis Perkins. T. Vitali sent information

¹⁰ BM ref: 2014 T576. Found by Archaeology South-East during excavations in 2014 at the site known as 'Land north of A272, East of Billingshurst'. The hoard was recovered from a single context, the upper fill of an enclosure ditch. T. Clifford and E. Ghey sent information.

¹¹ BM ref: 2016 T676. PAS ID: SUSS-59E13F. R. Abdy sent information.

¹² BM ref: 2016 T600. PAS ID: SUSS-8CBD75. R. Abdy sent information.