

Medieval Coin Making

Make your own Medieval Coin!

- Suitable for ages 7+
- First get everything you need (read list below)
- Read the information section (page 2) to learn about examples of medieval coins found in Gwynedd.



What you'll need....

A pack of grey/silver modelling clay that hardens in the oven we used Fimo Soft (you could also use play dough)

This is available to purchase online.

If you decide to use any other kind of modelling material remember to check whether its suitable to place in the oven.



A button, toothpick or Biro lid for decorating



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Information Section

Here's some examples of Medieval coins that were found between Llanllyfni and Y Fron. These coins are now on display at Storiel Museum, Bangor. They are also available to see on the Portable Antiquities Scheme website (PAS Number NMGW-11D242)

Llanllyfni/ Y Fron Coin Hoard

Between Llanllyfni and Y Fron metal detectorists found 16 silver coins from the Medieval- Post Medieval period. The coins were made around 1352-1529 (490-670 years ago). It is thought that the coins were buried around 1530. The reason why these coins were buried is uncertain. The person who buried the coins may have done so to keep them safe or hidden, but never retrieved them either because they'd forgotten where they'd put them or had died before digging them back up.

Most of the coins that were found were groats. A groat is a medieval coin worth four old pence.



Burgundian Double Patards

Within the hoard of coins were two double patards from the Burgundian Netherlands. Burgundian double patards from Flanders and Brabant had been legal tender in England and Wales, as groats, since 1469.



Let's Make Our Own Medieval Coin!

If you've read the information section and have everything you need, you're now ready to make your own Medieval coin! Good luck! Send us a picture of your finished coin!

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1. Tear off a small piece of clay.



2. Roll the clay to make a ball.



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3. Press the ball gently between your fingers to flatten the surface.



4. Now it's time to make your pattern! You could gently press a button into the surface of the clay to make a pattern or use a biro lid or toothpick.



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5. Ask an adult to help you bake your coins. Use a non-stick baking tray. We used Fimo Soft and baked our coins at 110 °C for about 25 minutes. The tray will be really hot when it comes out of the oven.



6. Let the coins cool – they won't be properly hard until they've cooled.



Gwynedd Archaeological Trust run the Bangor branch of the Young Archaeologists' Club". The club is for 8-16-year-olds. If you're interested in joining contact [@dan.amor@heneb.co.uk](mailto:dan.amor@heneb.co.uk)