

Coenwulf Coin

Acquisition of a gold 'mancus' of Coenwulf, king of Mercia (796-821) the earliest surviving coin in the name of an English king. Mid to late Anglo-Saxon gold is extremely rare and there are no other gold coins of this ruler.

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The Coenwulf Coin

Region

London

Grant awarded

£225,000

Year awarded

2006

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The Museum is extremely grateful for the generous support of the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) and the National Art Collections Fund (the Art Fund) among others, in making this purchase possible. The Museum successfully managed to raise the amount required to reach the export license figure, making it the most expensive British coin ever purchased.