

Insect remains from Battle Abbey coins

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Insect remains dissected from coins from Battle Abbey by

Dr B Knight have been identified as follows;

- Coin 796209 Elytral fragment of Tipnus ?unicolor (Pill. and Mitt.)
(Coleoptera, Ptinidae). The beetle fragment was composed of original cuticle, although plant stems adhering to this coin were replaced. Ptinidae are small beetles which usually occur in food stores and debris, refuse and timber and are often found as household pests.
- Coin 796211 3 fragments of fused abdominal sternites and a leg of
(i) an indeterminate staphylinid, possibly a staphyliniinae.
(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae). These fragments were replaced by copper but a single, indeterminate scrap of original cuticle (not of a staphylinid) was also present. Staphylinidae are a widespread family of predators.
- Coin 796211 Fused abdominal sternites of a staphylinid, probably
(ii) similar to 796211.(i) and again, copper-replaced.