

ISLAM _{IN} BRITAIN



This 8th century Gold Mancus was made by the Anglo-Saxon monarch - King Offa of Mercia and England. What is extraordinary about the coin is that it was a copy of a gold dinar of the Abbasid Caliph al-Mansur dated 774 CE. It is over 1,200 years old and the Arabic letters declare *"There is no Deity but God, The One without Equal"* and a further declaration is engraved around the margin which says *'Muhammad is the Prophet of God, Who sent him (Muhammad) with the doctrine and the true faith to prevail over every other religion.'*

The coin provides evidence of the impact of Islamic trade and currency on Britain.

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