

## **NAS Part III Recording Module**

### **Numismatics**

#### **Aims:**

This course will provide an introduction to numismatics through a balance of short lectures, demonstrations and a series of practical exercises. Subjects studied will include the main types of coinage found in archaeological contexts in the UK, the practical identification of coins and the interpretation of hoards and site finds. The course is aimed at individuals undertaking the NAS Training programme, as well as professional archaeologists wanting to increase their knowledge of the numismatics in archaeology.

#### **Course outline:**

- Theoretical and practical sessions in a range of numismatic topics including an overview of technological methods for coin production and an introduction to the analytical techniques used to determine how, when and where an artefact was manufactured
- Theoretical and practical sessions in identification and interpretation.

#### **Teaching Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course participants will have been introduced to numismatic theory and its practical application in an archaeological context. Through theoretical presentations and practical sessions participants will have seen how the study of coinage can contribute to the interpretation of the archaeological record.

#### **NAS Part III Point allocation:**

Numismatics module:                    12 points maximum (Research & IT)

#### **Suggested Reading:**

Burnett, A., 1991 *Interpreting the Past: Coins*. (British Museum)