

Ancient British kings and other significant Britons

Here are the names of over 70 people who ruled in Britain c.60 BC-AD 85. Two thirds are known solely from coins, which proves the pivotal importance of coins in helping to piece together the complex politics of pre-Roman Britain. Names on coins are **Red**. First compiled by Chris Rudd in 2010, this unique king list includes a dozen groups of unknown rulers who minted money, such as the 'Kings of Herts'. For more info consult ABC or liz@celticcoins.com

NAME	IDENTITY	REGION	REGNAL TRIBE	REGNAL DATES	COINS (if known)
Addedomaros 'great in chariots' or 'great in steadfastness'	younger brother or son of Cassivellaunos?	North Thames	Catuvellauni (and part of Trinovantes)	c.45-25 BC	
Aesu 'lord' or 'holy'	<i>pagus</i> chief or official of Iceni	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 30-43?	
Agr short for Agricu 'war dog' or Agrippa 'griffin'?	son or daughter or ally of Cunobelinus?	North Thames	Trinovantes?	c.AD 35-43?	
Ale 'rock?'	moneyer of Scavo or sub-king in north Norfolk?	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 35-45?	
Amminus 'friend'	son of Cunobelinus and supplicant to Caligula	Kent	Cantiaci	c.AD 30-40	
Andoco short for Andocomaros 'the greatest' or Andocombogios 'ace destroyer'?	minor ruler associated with Tasciovanos, nephew of Cassivellaunos?	North Thames	Catuvellauni	c.20-1 BC	
Anarevitos 'one with foresight' or 'unforeknowable'	a son of Eppillus?	Kent	Cantiaci	c.AD 10-15	

Anted short for Antedios 'very fiery?' or perhaps 'one who sits in front?'	Dobunnic ruler (after Corio and Catti?), self-styled <i>rig</i> 'king'	Western	Dobunni	c.AD 20-43?	
Antedios 'very fiery?' or perhaps 'one who sits in front?'	powerful king and possible ally of Cunobelinus	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 10-30	
Arviragus 'manly/true in battle?'	a son of Cunobelinus (Caratacus?) or could be fictional?	North Thames?	Catuvellauni and Trinovantes?	mid 1st cent. AD?	
Att As[?]	two minor rulers or maybe just one (Attasi)	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.AD 10-30?	
Aunt Cost	two rulers or maybe just one (Auntcost?)	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.AD 15-40	
Berkshire Kings	rulers of small tribe in Berks and south Oxon	Southern	unknown	c.55-40 BC	
Boduoc 'of the battle crow'	first name on Dobunnic coins, ruled northern part of tribe and came from Catuvellauni?	Western	Dobunni	c.25-5BC?	
Boudica 'the victorious'	wife of Prasutagus and leader of British rebellion AD 60-61	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 43-61?	
Calgacus 'swordsmen'	Caledonian freedom fighter defeated by Agricola at battle of <i>Mons Graupius</i>	North Scotland	Caledoni 'tough guys'	c.AD 70-83	
Cani Duro could be two personal names or just one	two co-rulers around time of Antedios?	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 10-20?	
Cantion Kings	unknown rulers who minted some of Britain's first coins; may include Carvilius, Cingetorix, Segovax and Taximagulus	Kent	Cantiaci	c.120-25 BC	

Caratacus 'the beloved'	best known son of Cunobelinus and leader of western resistance AD 43-51	Southern	Berkshire and Atrebates	c.AD 40-43	
Cartimandua 'strong pony'	queen of Brigantes who surrendered Caratacus to Romans in AD 51	Yorkshire	Brigantes	c.AD 50-70	
Cartivellaunos 'strong ruler'	son or subordinate of Volisios	North Eastern	Brigantes, Parisi or Corieltavi	c.AD 40-43?	
Carvilius 'of the small stag'	Cantian king who attacked Caesar's camp in 54 BC	Kent	Cantiaci	c.60-50 BC	
Cassivellaunos 'bronze commander'	commander of British forces in 54 BC and probably king of Catuvellauni	North Thames	Catuvellauni?	c.55-45 BC	
Cat 1 (or Tac) short for Cattos 'cat' or Catu- 'battle'?	minor ruler, maybe first in North East to place his name on coins	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.AD 10-20	
Cat 2 short for Cattos 'cat' or Catu- 'battle'?	associate of Dias or Tasciovanos?	North Thames	Catuvellauni	c.AD 1-10?	
Catti 'the cat'	Dobunnic ruler (after Corio and before Anted?)	Western	Dobunni	c.AD 10-20?	
Catus/Cutas Cnavo? Catus means 'battle'	minor ruler linked to Aunt Cost? or blundered legend?	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.AD 15-40	
Cingetorix 'king of warriors'	Cantian king who attacked Caesar's camp in 54 BC	Kent	Cantiaci	c.60-50 BC	
Commios 'friend', perhaps literally 'one who lives with'?	first British king to place his name on coins, probably same person as Caesar's Commius	Southern	Regini and Atrebates	c.50-25 BC	

Comux 'friend'	Dobunnic ruler (after Boduoc and before Anted?)	Western	Dobunni	c.AD 1-15?	
Cor short for Corionos 'army chief'?	father of Vepocomes and perhaps king of Corieltavi	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.late 1st cent BC?	
Corio 'army'	Dobunnic ruler (after Boduoc and before Anted?)	Western	Dobunni	c.20 BC-AD 5?	
Cotswold Kings who, in addition to early gold, struck masses of later silver	unknown or uncertain Dobunnic rulers, including Corio, Comux and Catti	Western	Dobunni	c.50 BC-AD 43?	
Crab 'claw' as in Old Irish <i>crob</i> 'hand, paw, claw, grip'	chieftan on Isle of Wight	Southern	Vectuarii	c.AD 10-40?	
Cunobelinus 'hound of Belenus'	son of Tasciovanos and most powerful king in pre-Roman Britain	North Thames and Kent	Catuvellauni, Trinovantes and Cantiaci	c.AD 8-41	
Danebury Kings	unknown early rulers of Danebury hillfort and district	Southern	Belgae or separate tribe	c.50-40 BC	
Dias short for Dias(s)umaros 'great in authority' or Diasulos 'the invested/initiated one'?	brother or son of Tasciovanos?	North Thames	Catuvellauni	c.AD 1-10	
Dubn 'deep'	son or associate of Cunobelinus, same person as Togodumnus? or as Dubnovellaunos?	North Thames	Catuvellauni and Trinovantes?	c.AD 35-43?	
Dubnovellaunos 'world ruler'	Cantian king who conquered the Trinovantes? or a Trinovantian king who also ruled in Kent? elder brother of Tasciovanos?	Kent and North Thames	Cantiaci and Trinovantes	c.25 BC-AD10	

Dumnocoveros 'giant of the world'	father or associate of Tigirseno, eldest son of Volisios?	North Eastern	Corieltavi (northern part)	c.AD 35-40	
Dumnovellaunos 'commander of the underworld'	son or subordinate of Volisios	North Eastern	Corieltavi (northern part)	c.AD 43-47	
Eastern Kings	unknown rulers (some Cantian? others Gallic War refugees? issuing early N.Thames coins	North Thames	uncertain, mostly Essex	c.55-20 BC	
Eisu 'lord'	Dobunnic ruler, maybe last to issue coins	Western	Dobunni	c.AD 20-43?	
Epaticcus 'leader of horseman'	son of Tasciovanos who captured some Atrebatian territory	Southern	Atrebates	c.AD 20-40	
Epillus 'little horse'	son of Commios, who was 'king of Calleva' and then Kent	Southern and Kent	Atrebates and Cantiaci	c.20 BC-AD 15	
Esico 'belonging to Esus?'	Mint-master or finance minister of Esuprasto	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 35-45?	
Essex Kings	unknown rulers who minted the first coins in Trinovantia	North Thames	Trinovantes	c.60-40 BC	
Esuprasto 'lord protector' or 'priest-chief'	probably the historical Prasutagus 'guardian chief', husband of Boudica	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 35-45?	
Esuprasu 'lord protector' or 'priest-chief'	late ruler in Corieltavia, after Vepo	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.AD 40-47	

Ex short for Exobnos 'daring, without fear'?	uncertain ruler in Hampshire	Southern	Belgae	c.50-40 BC	
Imanuentius? corrupt version of Inamnuetoutos?	father of Mandubracios and king of Trinovantes before he was killed by Cassivellaunos	North Thames	Trinovantes	c.60-54 BC	
Inamn possibly short for name like Inamnuetoutos?	Dobunnic ruler (after Boduoc and before Anted?)	Western	Dobunni	c.AD 1-20?	
Kings of Herts	unknown rulers who issued first coins in Catuvellaunia	North Thames	Catuvellauni	c.60-45 BC	
Lat Ison? Lat-/lat-/Tat- (uncertain) and Ison probably two people	late rulers of <i>Ratae</i> (Leicester) and surrounding area?	North Eastern	Corieltavi (southern part)	c.AD 40-47	
Lincolnshire Kings	unknown rulers who struck first coins in Corieltavia	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.60-1 BC	
Lugotorix 'king of mice'	Cantian nobleman captured by Caesar in 54 BC	Kent	Cantiaci	c.60-50 BC	
Mandubracios 'pony breeches'	son of Imanuentius who fled to Caesar for help; may have minted coins	North Thames	Trinovantes	c.54-50 BC	
Norfolk Kings	unknown rulers who minted many coins in Icenia, including Norfolk God type	East Anglian	Iceni	c.60 BC-AD 43	
Prasutagus 'guardian chief'	client king of Iceni and probably same person as Esuprasto 'lord protector'	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 43-60?	
Rues 'the red'	ruler of eastern Catuvellaunia, subject to Tasciovanos?	North Thames	Catuvellauni	c.AD 1-10	
Saenu 'the old'	<i>pagus</i> chief or administrator of Iceni	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 30-43?	

Sam short for Samognatios 'born in summer' or Samorix 'king of summer'?	Cantian ruler whose reign may have overlapped that of Dubnovellaunos; family link with Cunobelinus?	Kent	Cantiaci	c.AD 1-10	
Scavo 'left handed' or 'seer'?	late ruler in north Norfolk, post conquest perhaps?	East Anglian	Iceni (northern part)	c.AD 35-45?	
Sego 'victorious or strong'	mint site in Kent? or Cantian ruler, son of Tasciovanos?	Kent	Cantiaci	c.AD 5-15	
Segovax 'victorious fighter'	Cantian king who attacked Caesar's camp in 54 BC	Kent	Cantiaci	c.60-50 BC	
Sia? part of personal name?	father of Antedios?	East Anglian	Iceni	c.AD 10-30?	
Solidus 'firm' or 'enduring'	son of Cunobelinus who ruled in Cantion after Amminus?	Kent	Cantiaci	c.AD 40-43	
South Hants Kings	unknown rulers who struck coins in Solent area and hinterland	Southern	Belgae	c.60-30 BC	
Tasciovanos 'killer of badgers'	father of Cunobelinus and perhaps a son of Addedomaros	North Thames	Catuvellauni	c.25 BC-AD 10	
Taximagulus 'young badger'	Cantian king who attacked Caesar's camp in 54 BC	Kent	Cantiaci	c.60-50 BC	
Tigirseno 'old lord'	son of Dumnocoveros or subordinate ruler or joint magistrate?	North Eastern	Corieltavi (northern part)	c.AD 25-35	

Tincomarus 'great in peace'	probably eldest son of Commios who ruled from Chichester district	Southern	Regini and Atrebates	c.25 BC-AD 10	
Togidubnus 'world-covering'	client king under Claudius, Nero and Vespasian; son of Verica?	Southern	Regini	c.AD 45-85	
Togodumnus 'deep axe'	eldest son of Cunobelinus, killed in battle in AD 43	North Thames	Catuvellauni and Trinovantes	c.AD 40-43	
Touto 'tribe' or 'people'	minor Cantian ruler under, with or after Eppillus	Kent	Cantiaci	c.AD 10-15	
Vale of Pewsey Kings	unknown rulers who minted coins between the rivers Thames and Kennet	East Wiltshire	unknown	c.50-35 BC	
Var? (uncertain) 'water?'	a son of Commios and father of Verica?	Southern	Regini and Atrebates	—?	
Vellocatus 'best in battle'	armour-bearer of Venutius and lover of Cartimandua	Yorkshire	Brigantes	c.AD 60-70	
Vella Racn[?] (uncertain inscription)	associate of Vepo in east Leicestershire?	North East	Corieltavi (southern part)	c.AD 15-40?	
Venutius 'of high clan?' (uncertain)	consort of Cartimandua who took her throne and rebelled against Rome	Yorkshire	Brigantes	c.AD 50-70	
Vepo 'voice, word', short for Vepocomes?	son of Cor- and ruler in Corieltavia	North Eastern	Corieltavi	c.AD 15-40?	
Verica 'the high one'	third so-called 'son of Commios' and the most successful	Southern	Regini and Atrebates	c.AD 10-40	
Volisios 'blood?' (uncertain)	king of Brigantes? coins with his name found around Humber	North Eastern	Brigantes (or perhaps Parisi)	c.AD 25-35?	

Vosenos (or Vodenos?) 'somewhat old man'	ruler in eastern Cantion, vassal of Dubnovellaunos?	Kent	Cantiaci	c.10 BC-AD 5	
Wessex Kings	unknown rulers who issued coins in Dorset and Hampshire for a hundred years	South Western	Durotriges	c.60 BC-AD 45	
West Sussex Kings	unknown rulers who struck coins near and to the east of Chichester	Southern	Regini	c.60-50 BC	