

The 1000th Anniversary of the Ipswich Raid by Olaf Tryggvasson



In 1991 the Ipswich Numismatic Society issued a commemorative medallion to mark the 1000th anniversary of the storming of Ipswich by Olaf Tryggvasson, Prince of Viken and later King of Norway between 995 and 1000 A.D.

This raid by Olaf and his forces led to the Battle of Maldon between the Viking invaders and the Anglo-Saxon army of Aethelred the Unready. The English were defeated and so begun the payment of the Danegeld.

The year 1991 also marked the 25th Anniversary of the Ipswich Numismatic Society.

100 were issued in hallmarked sterling silver, numbered on the edge.

250 were issued in bronze, also numbered on the edge.

An 'antique' finish was chosen so as to allow handling and prevent fingerprints.

Produced by the Birmingham Mint (sadly no longer in operation), the dies were based on initial designs by J.C. Sadler.