

## Local Commercial and Reward Tokens

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Pictured here are two tokens, one a commercial token the other a reward token. The upper token is of the type distributed in the late 18th, early 19th century by businesses seeking to overcome the shortage of small change, itself resulting from a shortage of precious metals. This token was distributed by the proprietor F W MOASS of the King's Head Hotel, Merriott and would have been redeemable at the hotel. The obverse of the token bears its value (pence or shillings?) and the token manufacturer's name E SLACE MAKER EXETER. The token is about 19mm in diameter and recently sold on EBay for £93.32 The lower token is an All Saints' Church Sunday School award token which may have been an award in itself (like an individual footballer's medal) but may have been redeemable as part payment, perhaps for a school treat.

For more information about tokens, visit: <http://www.tokencoins.com/hist1.html>

