



SULWYN THE BRONZE SMITH

“My family has been working metal for generations, our swords and spears were well respected throughout the lands of the Brigantes. Now these Romans with their strange ways and funny money have arrived everything has changed.”

Sulwyn was well known for striking a hard bargain and could sometimes trade a particularly good sword for enough grain to feed the family all winter. Under Roman law the Brigantes people are no longer allowed to carry or make any sort of weapons so she has to scrape a living making pots and pans and jewellery. As a final insult all metal now belongs to the Emperor so not only does she have to pay taxes but she pays high prices for her raw materials!

Nowadays she has to sell her jewellery to the soldiers at Segedunum for a paltry little coin called a *denarius*! She's not really sure what it's worth but can't believe someone would swop her a chicken for a tiny round bit of metal not even big enough to make dress pin, even if it does have a picture of the Emperor on it!

A beautiful enamelled brooch belonging to Sulwyn.

