

Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

March 07 to August 07

Treasure Finds

In the last quarter's notes I reported the discovery of a hoard of Iron Age coins near Buckingham. The final total was 73. These have been declared Treasure by the Bucks Coroner Mr Hulett and we await a valuation from the committee who deal with this. The landowner was approached for his permission to do a geophysical survey but has not replied to Sandy Kidd's letter.

The following table shows potential Treasure objects reported since the last meeting.

Parish	Material	Object Type	Ref No
Stoke Bruerne, N'hants	Silver	Button	2007/T161
Stagsden, Beds	Silver	Ingot	2007/T297
Buckingham	Gold	Medieval posey ring	2007/T436

There has been a problem with the three treasure items from Milton Keynes area, medieval brooch a Tudor pin, and a bodkin. The pin was handed in March 06 followed by the bodkin and the brooch in October 06. We then had to wait till March 07 for the inquest when they were declared treasure. In July the FLO contacted the British Museum to inquire why the next step in the process [valuation] had not apparently happened. I gather that the Coroner for that area had not informed them of his decision after the inquest as is the custom. The finders, reliable & honest recorders of their finds and the landowners involved are very unhappy at these delays. This does not help carefully nurtured relationships with finders. I am concerned at the decline in records of potential treasure finds.

Portable Antiquities Database [www.finds.org.uk]

A large amount of finds have been recorded, and the total entered on the database so far is now 4154.

Rallies, Club Digs & Meetings

The FLO has attended & recorded finds at a number of Weekend Wanderers detector rallies, at seer Green Wendover & Wing. The Rotary Club held charity metal detector rallies at Brill and at Lt Kimble that the FLO attended to record finds.

The local detector clubs have been visited regularly and are contributing finds to a forthcoming exhibition in the Georgian Room in the County Museum. This will showcase the fruits of liaison with them since the PAS started in Bucks and will run from 6th October to 9th Feb 08.

Members of the Magiovinium & MK metal Detector Club laid on a display of finds for the Museum's National Archaeology Day event and spent time talking, very effectively, to visitors about their objects.

Publicity

Talks to local history and archaeology groups continue to provide further opportunities to publicise the work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme in Bucks.

Finds Identification & Recording Sessions

These have focused on a monthly Saturday afternoons at Wycombe Museum and every Wednesday in the Civic Offices in Central Milton Keynes.

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