



## Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

August 08 to March 09

### Treasure Finds

There have been 11 potential treasure cases reported in the period covered by these notes and 5 more from neighbouring areas. The objects from counties other than Bucks were reported by finders who live in Bucks. The FLO is able to liaise with the Coroners of other counties where necessary. This makes it more likely that Treasure finds will be reported.

Location	Metal	Object Type	Ref No
Gt & Lt Hampden	Silver	Late 17 <sup>th</sup> C decorated button	2008/T514
South of Winslow	Ag & Au	10-40AD, 17 staters & 9 silver units	2008/T570
Cold Brayfield, MK	Silver	3 <sup>rd</sup> C Roman finger ring	2008/T573
Cold Brayfield, MK	Silver	3 <sup>rd</sup> C Roman spoon bowl, incomplete	2008/T590
Hambleden	Silver	Undiagnostic oval plate, discounted as not old enough & returned	2008/T664
Hambleden	Silver	16 <sup>th</sup> C decorated belt mount	2008 T694
Wendover	Gold	Medieval ring inscribed: 'THY DESART HATH WONE MY ♥'	2008/T721
Gayhurst, MK	Silver	Roman Spoon	2008/T722
Bishopstone	Gold	Ingot or scrap? Date uncertain	2008/T756
Lt Hampden	Cu Alloy	Bronze Age sword frags	2008/T779
Stoke Mandeville	Sliver	Post-medieval seal matrix	2009/T082
Hulcote, Beds	Gold	Medieval ring with garnet?	2009/T001
Didcot, Oxon	Cu Alloy	Bronze Age dagger, in 2 shards	2008/T530
Stagsden, Beds	Gold	Medieval inscribed pendant	2008/T660
Glemsford, Suffolk	Gold	Post-medieval ring with amethyst	2008/T624
Stotfold, Beds	Silver Gilt	L15th- E16th C hat mount	2008/T683

Table 1. Potential Treasure objects reported to the FLO since the last meeting.

### Portable Antiquities Scheme Database [[www.finds.org.uk](http://www.finds.org.uk)]

A large amount of finds have continued to be recorded, and the total entered on the database so far is now up to 5,832. The national total is over 376,126. A forthcoming upgrade and redesign of the web based database will make these records more user friendly. This is should happen have happened at the end of February but is promised in the next few weeks!

### Rallies, Club Digs & Meetings

Cooperation with the Scheme is voluntary and no one is forced to record what they find. To date those who organise metal detector rallies in Bucks all invite the FLO to record the finds. This is not the case in some of the adjacent counties.

Rotary Clubs continue to see detecting rallies as a way of raising funds for charity. They are thank goodness; keen to have the finds recorded by PAS, so the FLO will be present at their next rally around Brill in late April. Coinshooters are advertising a charity rally south of Buckingham in September. Weekend Wanderers have only visited this county twice this year.

The local detector clubs have been visited regularly and are offering their finds for recording on the database. In addition individual detectorists are being proactive in seeking out the FLO to record their finds.

### **Lost & Found Exhibition**

As a result of this exhibition's success in the County Museum a version of the display is open at Wycombe Museum until 20th April The focus of the displays are objects found south of Aylesbury and particularly with a Wycombe emphasis.

### **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 three monthly Saturday afternoons at Wycombe Museum and every Wednesday in the Civic Offices in Central Milton Keynes. An increasing number of finders make appointments and come to one of these venues or to the Museum Resource Centre at Halton.

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