



Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

March 09 to August 09

Treasure Finds

There have been seven potential treasure cases reported in the period covered by these notes and one more from Bedfordshire. 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. Preliminary reports of the Wendover bracelets suggest that they are of a type more often found in northern France gives an interesting insight into life on the edge of the Chilterns around 1200-1100BC.

Location	Metal	Object Type	Ref No
Stoke Mandeville	Silver	17 th C seal matrix	2009/T082
Long Crendon	Silver	15 th C tubular brooch	2009/T114
Ivinghoe	Gold	?17 th C posey ring	2009/T342
Hambleden	Silver	Roman ring	2009/T425
Wendover	Silver	13 + 2 halves of medieval silver pennies [finders & landowner intend to donate]	2009/T427
Ellesborough	Gold	2 Middle Bronze Age ribbon bracelets	2009/T435
Mentmore	Silver Gilt	17 th C dress fitting in the form of a flower	2009/T438

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 6,494. The national total is over 404,918. A forthcoming upgrade and in-house redesign of the web based database will make these records more user friendly. This should happen have happened already but is promised some time in November!

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.

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.

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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