



Portable Antiquities Scheme

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Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

August to March 2011

PAS Database Records [www.finds.org.uk]

A considerable amount of finds have continued to be recorded, and the total entered on the database so far is now up to 9797 records for the county. The national total is over 431,506.

Since March last year a concerted drive has been made to record the finds of a detectorist from Aylesbury, who has been working for many years in mid Bucks and amassed a substantial collection. Much of this comes from Fleet Marston which it is hoped will give much information about that site.

Volunteers

The Bucks FLO is grateful to the hardworking band of volunteers who input the basic records and upload the photos. Jennifer Moss and Paul Manning have been giving their time since 2004 whereas Helen is a more recent helper. These volunteers are not able to keep up with the records coming in and more are always needed. Last summer a student doing an MA in Artefact Studies at UCL did her practical placement helping upgrade Bucks records which was useful and another similar student is expected this year.

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 mostly invite the FLO to record their finds. Recently a small club called Group 10 and also the Three Counties Detector Club have been organising some events in Bucks but do not invite the FLOs to record their finds. Sadly these meetings are only heard about after the event and so little can be done.

April 17th will see the Haddenham Rotarians organising their 8th annual charity detecting rally south west of Brill. The FLO will be attending as usual to record the finds made by the detectorists.

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. A number of finders make appointments and come to one of these venues or to the Museum Resource Centre at Halton.

Treasure Finds

There have been fourteen potential treasure cases reported in the period covered by these notes and one more from Northamptonshire. 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 | Objects reported since the last BHEF meeting | Ref no: |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|-----------|
| Buckingham | Silver | 17 th C cufflink element. BCM hopes to acquire | 2010/T420 |
| Hambleden | Silver | 17 th C button. Disclaimed & returned | 2010/T437 |
| Hambleden | Silver gilt | 14th Brooch gem setting Disclaimed & returned | 2010/T438 |
| Ellesborough | Gold | Undateable fragment. Not treasure, returned | 2010/T510 |
| Wendover | Silver | 17 th C hawking or dog whistle. BCM hopes to acquire | 2010/T625 |
| Oakley | Silver | 60 medieval short cross pennies. BCM hopes to acquire subject to valuation. | 2010/T626 |
| Newton Bromswold, Northhants | Silver | 6 th C AD Sword hilt ring. Disclaimed & returned | 2010/T767 |
| Dunton | Silver | Medieval book clasp | 2010/T773 |
| Ivinghoe Aston | Silver gilt | Medieval annular brooch with animal heads | 2011/T003 |
| Cold Brayfield [MK] | Silver | Medieval annular brooch with 5 of 8 ?amethysts | 2011/T026 |
| Tingewick | Silver | Medieval heart shaped brooch | 2011/T041 |
| Edlesborough | Silver | Saxon strap end | 2011/T057 |
| Edlesborough | Silver | Saxon hooked tag | 2011/T058 |
| Princes Risborough | Silver gilt | Medieval-Post medieval dress fitting | 2011/T059 |
| Princes Risborough | Silver | Post-Med dress fitting | 2011/T064 |

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