

# **Buckinghamshire Finds Liaison Officer**

## **for the Portable Antiquities Scheme [PAS],**

based in the County Museum

So far 384 records of objects found in Buckinghamshire have been logged and hopefully in the four months of the year remaining this number will reach a similar quantity to last year's total of 682. There are a number of records waiting to be uploaded and therefore the total to date is slightly misleading

The basic records of the objects are entered on the PAS web-based database [www.finds.org.uk] by a volunteer. Recently the current volunteer has for personal reasons not been able to give the project as much time as previously. To cover this problem another volunteer from the Museum Friends has offered his services, received training and has started. Two detectorists are now recording their own finds but their records will need to be checked. Work on the backlog of finishing records is progressing.

The local detector clubs are visited on a regular basis to record the member's finds. Detecting rallies in Bucks are attended to the same end when the FLO is invited and has enough information. The voluntary nature of the scheme means we are unable to insist on the FLO attending to record. Weekend Wanderers do invite the FLO and have held rallies in Wendover Dean, Gt Missenden and Hoggeston which were attended where possible [the last minute nature of the organisation sometimes makes this difficult].

The FLO attended three events as part of the Festival of British Archaeology but with the exception of the one organised by English Heritage attendance figures were sadly low. The Milton Keynes Archaeology Day in November has been successful in the past so a display and recording will be laid on again for that event

### Treasure finds

The table shows the potential treasure items found in 2014 currently being processed through the system of reporting and inquests.

Material	Period	Dates	Description	From
Gold	Medieval	1400-1500	Coin hoard of 6 gold nobles	Chetwode
Gold	Roman	300-400AD	Damaged finger ring	Edlesborough
Gold	Post Medieval	1500-1600	Patterned finger ring	Brill
Silver	Post Medieval	1600-1700	Bodkin inscribed GW & HW	Buckingham
Gold	Bronze Age	2350-1601BC	Undecorated bead	Lenborough
Silver gilt	Post Medieval	1600-1700	Hat decoration	Chetwode
Gold	More than 300yrs	?	Possible ear ring	Buckingham

I gather that it is likely that most of these objects will be purchased for the collections if the Coroner rules that they qualify as treasure items. This continues the Museum's good reputation for acquiring the treasure found in the county. This part of the process is dealt with by the Keeper of Archaeology

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