



Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

March 10 to August 10

Treasure Finds

There have been seven potential treasure cases reported in the period covered by these notes and three more from Hampshire, Dorset and 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. Legally more than one silver coin from the same area is considered to be a hoard. However this is probably one of the smallest hoards found in the county. Apart from these the current finds are all post medieval.

Location	Metal	Object Type	Ref No
Lt Missenden	Silver	2 Roman republican coins.	2010/T110
Buckingham	Gold	Undateable scrap of metal [Not T returned].	2010/T190
Horsenden	Silver	15 th -16 th century book mount.	2010/T241
Buckingham	Silver	17 th century cufflink.	2010/T420
Hambleden	Silver	17 th button.	2010/T437
Hambleden	Gold	17 th ?terminal.	2010/T438
Ellesborough	Gold	Frag of strip possibly Bronze Age?	2010/T510
Sherborne St J', Hants	Gold	14 th century AD finger ring.	2010/T114
Potterspury, N'hants	Silver	2 nd century AD intaglio ring fragment.	2010/T219
Manston, Dorset	Silver	Roman finger ring.	2010/T342

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

Portable Antiquities Scheme Database [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 7996 records for the county. The national total is over 406,390. The upgraded database has been online for some months and is a great deal more useable and has a number of new features. Finders can apply for a log on and look up their own finds [only theirs for data protection purposes], something they have wanted for some time. There is an extensive mapping capability based on google maps. The whole site works much better and all achieved by Dan Pett working within the PAS budget.

Volunteers

Several of the Museum volunteers assist the FLO in inputting the basic records onto the PAS database. Jennifer Moss and a detectorist have been loyally working through the records since 2004 and are thanked for giving up their time for so long. A student Stephanie Smith, doing an MA in Artefact Studies at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL did 20 days placement with the FLO and was able to help with the technical part of the finds descriptions.

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. April 25th saw the Haddenham Rotarians organising their probably 7th or 8th annual charity detecting rally around Brill. The FLO was present as usual to record the 25 finds made by the 135 detectorists. These fields to the south

of the village were pronounced to be less interesting, than those previously searched, to the west. I gather the Rotarians are planning another rally next 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.

Publicity

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

The 'Human: Half a Million Years of Life in Bucks' exhibition included four cases of metal detected finds loaned by local finders. These have remained on display since the main exhibition closed and the detectorists appreciate the opportunity to show their objects in the Museum.

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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