



Portable Antiquities Scheme

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Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

August 2011 to August 2012

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

A growing number of finds have continued to be recorded, and the total entered on the database so far is now up to 12,456 records for the county. The national total is over 518,150 records.

Volunteers

The Bucks FLO is grateful to the hardworking band of volunteers who input the basic object records and upload the photos. Jennifer Moss and a detectorist, Paul Manning have been giving their time since 2004 whereas Helen is a more recent helper.

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.

The Weekend Wanderers have held a rallies for about 100 detectorists near Birtton in January and smaller ones on three fields around Wendover [all of which they have visited before] at which the FLO recorded finds.

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. Chalfont St Giles Club who meet in Gerrards Cross have a declining membership, such that they struggle to pay for their meeting room. They have decided to only meet occasionally. They do remain happy to cooperate with the PAS but are not making new finds at the moment. If their situation changes this will be reviewed

Publicity

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

In early summer, ITV & PAS combined forces to produce a weeklong series of half hour programs, called Britain's Hidden Treasures. The final episode included a slot on recent finds. They chose to feature the 9th C, delicately decorated silver disc brooch, from Gt Horwood [2012T503].

Finds Identification & Recording Sessions

These continue to focus 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 (listed overleaf)

There have been sixteen potential treasure cases reported in the period covered by these notes one of which was discovered during an excavation. There were eight treasure cases made by Bucks finders in other counties.

From Buckinghamshire:

		Metal	Date	Description	Find spot
2011	T 600	Gold	1400-1500	A tao [T shaped] cross	Gawcott
2011	T 679	Silver gilt	1400-1550	Part of a decorated ring	Wing
2011	T 764	Siler	1400-1500	Part of a decorated ring	Dunton
2011	T 802	Gold	600-700	Pendant with amber 'gem setting'	Gawcott
2011	T 807	Silver	1150-1450	Decorated needle case, lid missing	Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell
2011	T 852	Gold	1450-1500	Iconographic ring inscribed: NUL ET BIEN or none so good	Wing
2011	T 854	Gold	1500-1600	Enamelled lace tag	Wing
2012	T 45	Silver	1500-1700	Book clasp	Bierton
2012	T 169	Silver	1180-1307	2 pennies & ¼ cut penny [more of coin hoard 2009/T427]	Wendover
2012	T 235	Silver gilt	1400-1600	Button like dress fitting	Wing
2012	T 236	Silver	1500-1700	Dress fitting - leaf shape on a wire fitting	Wing
2012	T 270	Gold	1600-1700	Head-dress pin /bodkin, makers stamp!	Wing
2012	T 474	Gold	1400-1500	Ring with garnet/amethyst stone	Wing
2012	T 490	Silver & cu alloy	600-700	Decorated annular brooch in fragile condition	Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell
2012	T 503	Silver	800-900	Decorated disc brooch	Gt Horwood

And from Milton Keynes:

		Metal	Date	Description	Find spot
2012	T 513	Silver	600-700	Slip knot necklace ring	Stony Stratford from an excavation

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