



Portable Antiquities Scheme

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Finds Liaison in Buckinghamshire

August 2012 – November 2013

Portable Antiquities Scheme [PAS] Database Records [\[www.finds.org.uk\]](http://www.finds.org.uk)

A growing number of finds have continued to be recorded by the Finds Liaison Officer [FLO], and the total entered on the database so far is now up to 10,244 records for the county. The national total is over 909,293 records.

Volunteers

The Bucks FLO is grateful to the hardworking volunteers who input the basic object records and upload the photos. Helen Hyre mostly works from home because the internet connection at Halton is still not particularly fast. Sarah Deacon, a temporarily unemployed archaeology graduate lives in St Albans and cannot get into Halton, works on Bucks Roman coin records from home.

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 number of rallies in Bucks mostly on a fairly small scale producing very few finds. The exception being a larger one of about 100 detectorists at Hardwick. Unfortunately the FLO was not informed of the event in time to attend. The email from the organiser was not received till after the FLO had left the office on Friday of the weekend and so had no recording equipment. A few of the apparently many Roman coins have since been recorded.

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. During the Festival of British Archaeology Finds ID sessions were laid on as part of the Cowper & Newton Museum's events and included displays by two local detectorists. The same team repeated the display at MK Archaeology Day last November. PAS had a stand at English Heritage's national event History Alive at Kelmarsh Hall, Northants. In addition the FLOs from adjacent counties spent two productive days talking to 1000s of interested people about PAS.

ITV & PAS have combined forces to produce another series of half hour programs, called 'Britain's Secret Treasures'. With Bettany Hughes & Michael Buerk. However Bucks finds have not been feature this time.

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 twelve potential treasure cases reported from Buckinghamshire and one from Milton Keynes in the period covered by these notes. Further information of most of these will remain confidential until the Coroner has held the inquests.

From Buckinghamshire:

Ref nos.	Metal	Date	Description	Find spot
2012 T 831	Gold	Roman	Ring, small but with a phallus on the bezel	Wing
2012 T 912	Silver	Post Medieval	Bodkin	Princes Risborough
2012 T 922	Silver	Post Medieval	Spur	Aston Sandford
2012 T 940	Silver	Medieval	Pendant with crossed keys framing a face	Whitchurch
2013 T 148	Silver	Early Medieval	Part of an equal armed brooch	Princes Risborough
2013 T 219	Silver	Medieval	Brooch pin	Whitchurch
2013 T 248	Silver	Medieval	Ring	Bledlow
2013 T 304	Silver	Post Medieval	Thimble	Gawcott
2013 T 359	Silver	Saxon	Fitting	Princes Risborough
2013 T 528	Silver	Early Medieval	Harness fitting	Twyford
2013 T 567	Gold	Post Medieval	Ring Inscribed 'MORTUI MONENT MORI WH'	Wing
2013 T 602	Silver	Post Medieval	Cufflink, one of the two elements	Winslow

And from Milton Keynes:

Ref nos.	Metal	Date	Description	Find spot
2013 T 569	Silver gilt	Medieval	Annular brooch fragment	Tyringham

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