

The NCMD Committee and Board of Trustees at the 2024 AGM



For many years, the NCMD delegates came together from around the country for the AGM weekend, they met up at the hotel on a Saturday afternoon, then spent all day Sunday at the AGM itself.

This year, we made a slight change and as we are all detectorists ourselves, we decided to meet up early on the Saturday morning and spend the day detecting together. This was made possible by our Membership Secretary David Millington, who worked hard to get us a local permission and his efforts were much appreciated by us all.

Despite the site being detected heavily by a local club, we still found lots of bits and pieces including a local token the same size and weight as a Cartwheel Penny, which goes to prove that land is never completely empty despite being regularly detected.



Meeting up early to go detecting

All documents relating to the 2024 AGM, including financial accounts, Trustees sign-off, meeting minutes etc. are available on the NCMD website in the members section.

£10,000
Xmas Prize Draw

NCMD
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR METAL DETECTING
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TO PROTECT

**ALL MEMBERS
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**FREE CASH
PRIZE DRAW
+ NCMD VOUCHERS**

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All NCMD Members are automatically entered into our Free Xmas Prize Draw, with the exception of Committee members and Trustees, who all pay their membership fees but took the decision to exclude themselves. To be included, you need to ensure your membership is live at the time of the draw, which will be held in December.

The winners will all be contacted immediately and we will put the winning names on the website after the draw.

Good Luck!



The NCMD Committee & Trustees



NCMD Round-up of 2024

Alan Tamblyn NCMD General Secretary

The NCMD Committee has been extremely busy throughout 2024, developing new initiatives and facilities for our members, as well as working with the PAS to provide more transparency and information on both the treasure and finds recording processes.

As ever, we are committed to representing our hobby and our members and we attended meetings with the National Farmers Union (NFU), Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC), and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), which is the government department ultimately responsible for our national heritage including the British Museum (BM), Portable Antiquities Scheme and the treasure process across the year.

The PAS now provides us with a monthly update on the finds going through the treasure process and associated data that we share with our members. This is a move forward to make the process more transparent for all concerned. We are also members of the Portable Antiquities Advisory Group (PAAG), and attend meetings to represent the best interests of our members.

Scottish Trove Review

We attended meetings with the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer (KLTR) as part of the Trove Review in Scotland and ensured that the views of our members were taken into account as part of the review process. The KLTR provided an extensive report and the NCMD fully supports their findings and the proposals for change. Once implemented, these changes will ensure that the new process will provide an effective method for the recording of heritage finds in Scotland.

Technology Update

We have upgraded the NCMD website, making it more innovative and paving the way for more interaction with our members going forward. We've upgraded the NCMD Mobile App, making it even more effective for members to record their finds and find spots, even with a poor signal, and the location service is now extremely accurate following an upgrade that utilises the latest technology.

At present, all finds recorded in the Mobile App can only be viewed by the finder, however we are also developing a portal to allow finds to be shared with your local FLO, which is a massive step forward and there is a full account of this within this magazine



The Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC)

NCMD Finds Competition

As of 1st November 2024, members can enter their best coin and artefact of that month into our online finds competition. We have an impressive pool of judges that will take it in turns to form the monthly judging panel, and the final decisions will be available to be viewed online.

There will be monthly cash prizes and plaques for best coin and best artefact for both adults and under 16's, and the monthly winners will be put forward into the annual event. Also in the annual event will be Hoard of the Year.

The awards will be named the 'Trevor and Sue Austen Memorial Awards' in honour of the work and dedication of many years by Trevor and his lovely wife Sue, without whom, this hobby and this organisation would not be where we are today. For more information visit:

www.ncmd.co.uk/competition



Meeting with the DCMS & PAS



Attending the Trove review in Scotland



Trevor & Sue Austen



Speaking with Sir Mark Jones, temporary Head of the British Museum and Michael Lewis, Head of the PAS

Hoard Fund for Emergency Excavation of Significant Finds

The Hoard Fund is available to all members lucky enough to find a hoard or significant find and covers the cost of the emergency excavation by a qualified archaeologist to ensure that the finds are removed in the right way so that contextual information is retained. This year, we included any hoards found on rally's or events by NCMD members, rather than just private permissions as was originally the case.

Metal Detecting Rallies

This year, the NCMD has been attending detecting events across the country, promoting the NCMD and best practise. It's a great way to meet with our members and to get feedback on what you'd like to see going forward. We have since invested in more facilities to ensure that we can attend even more events next year. We look forward to meeting you on our travels.

The NCMD Committee and Trustees voted to commission Emma Youell to create a series of information video's to promote finds recording and outline the treasure process among others. As a fellow detectorist, Emma was very aware of the information we needed to provide to detectorists old and new, and engaged the services of Ben Shires, a fellow detectorist and CBBC presenter to take the lead in our video's. Emma did a great job for us and we have commissioned her to produce a training video for the Mobile App and Finds Recording Portal.



Dave Crisp from the NCMD speaking with Prince Edward Duke of Edinburgh, at The Sport and Recreation Alliancance (SARA)



Just one of the detecting events the NCMD have attended this year.



Ben Shires, a fellow detectorist and CBBC presenter took the lead in our new video's



Emma Youell with the team who helped create the series of information videos for the NCMD



The upgraded NCMD App

TIME TEAM & THE NCMD 2024

Time Team Live at Sutton Hoo

Garden Field at Sutton Hoo

The Anglo-Saxon Period

Garden Field is home to the earliest evidence of Anglo-Saxon life at Sutton Hoo in the form of a late-6th-century cemetery. The graves here were of mixed status, generally lower than the status of the graves discovered in the Royal Burial Ground, which superseded this cemetery by 590 AD.

Both burial grounds overlook the River Deben. This visual link between the cemeteries and the river formed a special, perhaps sacred, corridor between the graves and the open waters of the North Sea and up-river to the royal settlement at Rendlesham. It may be that the people buried in this cemetery were the ancestors of those buried at the Royal Burial Ground.

The Bromeswell Bucket

One of the key objects discovered in Garden Field is the Bromeswell Bucket, a 6th Century bucket from Byzantium. The first fragments were ploughed up in 1986, with further pieces unearthed during a metal detecting survey in 2012. You can see this on display in the High Hall exhibition.

Other finds

In total 31 graves (19 inhumations and 12 cremations) were found during the 2000 excavation, with the cemetery likely to extend further into the landscape.

Weapons, including swords, spears and shields were found in many of the inhumations. One of the cremation burials was particularly well preserved (Cremation 8) and can be seen in the High Hall exhibition as the 'wise woman', along with a gold coin pendant also discovered in Garden Field.



Ralph, Alan and Dave

The finds were incredible, and under the old Treasure Trove Law they were deemed as not treasure, so Mrs. Pretty was free to do with it as she pleased. Thankfully, Edith donated the finds to the nation, and they are on display in the British Museum. The full story is on the British Museum website. The site is now owned by the National Trust (NT), and they had invited the Time Team onto the site to check out the land to one side of the burial mound. It seems that there were Roman cremation burials along the top of the ridge, and the remains of a Byzantine bucket had been found previously.



The famous Sutton Hoo Helmet

The story of Sutton Hoo and the ship burial of a Saxon King is well known by many and has even been made into a film, but for anyone that has never heard of it, there are a number of mounds along a ridge line at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk that were believed to be burial mounds.

The owner of the land in the 1930's was a Mrs Edith Pretty, and her curiosity got the better of her so she employed a local man, Basil Brown to excavate the largest mound and he discovered the remains of a large Saxon ship containing the possessions of what was widely believed to be the Saxon King Raedwald. He is believed to have been buried in his ship, which had been dragged up the hill from the Debdon Estuary. At 27m long, it was a massive undertaking that showed he must have been held in very high esteem. It is believed he was buried about AD 622 so that makes it about 1400 years old.





Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon ship burial

The NT were interested to know if the land sloping away from the Roman burials had any areas of occupation, so as part of the Time Team project, the land was gridded, and a metal detecting survey was carried out by a team of volunteers. An invitation was extended to Alan Tamblin, Dave Crisp, David Millington and Ralph Green from the NCMD Committee, who spent a week detecting the slopes. They worked methodically to ensure the land was thoroughly covered, and a number of finds were made, but they were deemed as random losses rather than signs of habitation.

Previously one of the volunteers Emma Youell did find a very nice large Roman brooch at the top of the hill and the Time Team detecting manager Keith Westcott

found the base of the Byzantine bucket while detecting but overall, the area was pretty clean. The detecting survey saved the NT a fortune, as the alternative was to have the 14 acre site searched by ground penetrating radar, an expensive process that in this case, would have proved to be unnecessary.

The survey also highlights the importance of working with detectorists on archaeological sites and also highlights what the NCMD are now pushing for, which is for every inch of land due for development, to have a metal detecting survey carried out before work can go ahead, so that all artefacts buried in the soil are recovered rather than being buried under concrete and lost forever.



A local trade token



Bronze cloth seal



Some of the gold from the buried ship at Sutton Hoo



Gold belt buckle from the ship burial at Sutton Hoo

HOARD FUND UPDATE 2024



The Hoard Fund is available to help any NCMD member when you are lucky enough to find a hoard or significant item such as a burial.

This is regardless of whether your find is on your own permission or is part of a rally or organised event. The first thing you should do is stop digging, this is important to ensure that any contextual information is preserved, and no damage is caused to the find. You should then notify the rally organiser or landowner if it's your own permission. You may be worried about your find getting stolen so just what do you do? You call your FLO, but as they might only work two days a week and certainly not many on weekends.

You should therefore call the NCMD Hoard Hotline, and we will directly contact the PAS on your behalf. **You have our hotline number on your NCMD App and membership card - 0800 0025808 and press 4 for the hoard line and we will get somebody to phone you back.** This NCMD number is manned at all reasonable hours.

You are not going to lose out, in fact you could lose out if you carry on digging because any damage you cause could mean you get a reduced reward. We can put the PAS in touch with you to offer advice, and we will pay towards a speedy recovery of your find by a qualified archaeologist.

Please remember in England and Wales it states quite clearly in the Law that whatever is found in that hole or related to your find, you are the named finder, and the reward will be shared by yourself and the land-

owner, providing you have permission to be there. Sometimes the tenant is included if you have an agreement with them.

Since the end of 2023 and up to May 2024 the NCMD has paid out over £2,500 to ensure that our members finds are recovered quickly and correctly and that your find goes towards the historic knowledge of our country. This also ensures that you and the Landowner are treated with the respect that you deserve, and the reward is not abated (reduced) due to something that you may have inadvertently done wrong.

A report of where our Hoard fund helped remove a hoard of bronze ingots

In March 2024, the Central Bedfordshire Council Archaeology Team and the Portable Antiquities Scheme responded to a report from two metal detectorists of the discovery of a potential Bronze Age hoard. With permission from the landowner and funding from the NCMD, the hoard was recovered by KDK Archaeology, members of the Central Bedfordshire Council Archaeology Team and the PAS Finds Liaison Officer. Further systematic gridded survey was also undertaken of the site by the two detectorists who reported the find.

As a result, 37 roughly cast bronze ingot fragments, weighing over 18kg in total were recovered. The bulk of the ingot fragments were found in one location tightly packed together, which suggests they may have originally been buried in a bag or sack which has since decayed. Many of the pieces appear to be fragments of plano-convex (bun) ingots. The hoard is now with the Portable Antiquities Scheme for consideration as treasure.

Hannah Firth

Archaeologist
Strategic Growth
Development & Economy, Place & Communities
Directorate

You must call the NCMD
hoard hotline on

0800 002 5808

This number is shown on your membership card, is on the NCMD Mobile App and is also shown on our website.

Remember, you can now inform your local FLO, and they will ensure that the coroner for that region is informed within 14 days. Once you have notified the FLO of your find in writing, and provided the findspot and the landowners contact details, you have fulfilled your legal responsibility.

It used to be down to you to inform the Coroner, but this was changed in the last amendment of the Treasure Act Code of Practise.

THE NCMD LAUNCHES OUR ONLINE MERCHANDISING STORE IN OCTOBER 2024

I volunteered for the task of sourcing, managing and organising the merchandise that is now available for our members on the NCMD website. On sourcing items for the store, I based everything on what I would buy personally but also taking in suggestions from other committee members and requests from the members forum.

When out detecting, I always wear a hat throughout the year which is usually a baseball cap with a decent peak to shade my eyes from bright light, and in the depths of winter, I usually wear a Beanie Hat to keep my head warm (did you know that you can lose more than 10% of your body heat through your head). Regarding body heat I always wear something warm, so a zipped hoodie is ideal. Finding the right quality at the right price was always going to be difficult challenge, but I think we have found the right balance so our members are getting the best value for money. Talking of money, we are also offering a variety of gift vouchers £10, £20, £30, £40 & £50 for members to spend in our shop.

We currently have two mugs one with the Robbie cartoon on and the other with our full registered trademark on, I have one of each, one I use for my morning cuppa and the other to store my pens and pencil all kept neatly in one place on my desk. Our mouse mats are good quality ones with an x and y axis, they double up as a mouse mat and as a background scale to photograph those bigger artifacts on. The credit card sized scale cards are so convenient to carry round in your wallet where you can quickly take a photograph with a coin or small artifact placed on it using our app, it is also printed on the opposite side with our contact details for when you find that illusive hoard.

I've looked at lots of alternative merchandise, some of which will be for the future but we do of course, welcome any suggestions from you our members for what you would like to see in our online shop. Please e-mail your suggestions to: merchandising@ncmd.co.uk

In the meantime, take advantage of our Winter Bundle offers at ncmdshop.co.uk
Good Luck and happy shopping
Ralph Green

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THE NCMD FINDS RECORDING PORTAL

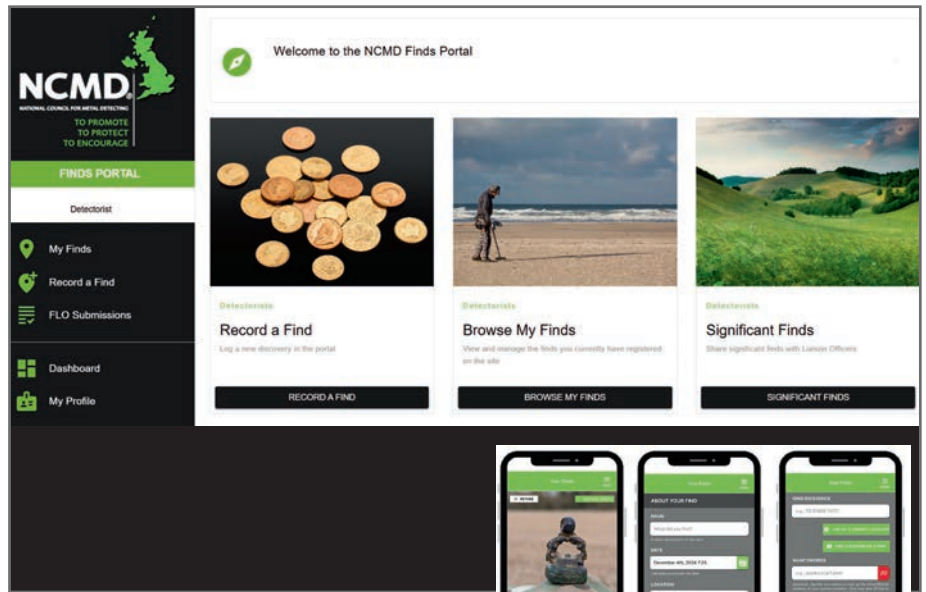
The recording of metal detecting finds is an extremely important part of our hobby. The finds and find spots often denote the site of habitation that has led to numerous significant discoveries of previously unknown settlements, Roman Villa's, cemetery sites and many others.

As a result of finds being recorded with FLO's across England & Wales, a nationally important database of finds information has been created, which currently stands at over 1.7million items and this has become an incredible academic resource for archaeologists.

None of this would exist without the permission of landowners, and the vast majority of these finds were recorded by metal detectorists who can be rightly proud of the part they have played in creating this incredible repository of information that charts the path of those who came before us. This mammoth task has been overseen by the Portable Antiquities Scheme, and the work itself has been carried out by a team of FLO's, so a great joint effort by all concerned.

Many of the finds made over the years have been designated as Treasure Finds and as a result, there are numerous detecting finds on display in museums across the country, again a massive achievement made possible by the commitment and dedication of detectorists and landowners, without whom, none of this would have been possible and they can all be rightly proud of their contribution to the preservation of our shared national heritage.

However, the rise in the number of detectorists and detecting events has massively increased the number of finds, but unfortunately, the resources to fund the process have not kept pace, which has led to delays in the finds recording process and at times, significant delays to the finds going through the treasure process. Many detectorists work similar hours to FLO's, so are unable to meet up to hand finds over for recording, which means that



The new finds recording portal.

many detectorists have been unable to add to the record of our shared heritage but would be happy to record if they had the means to do so.

This is a serious situation, so the NCMD has developed a Mobile App for the digital recording of finds and find spots, which has proven extremely successful. We have now taken it to another level and produced a portal that will now allow detectorists to record their finds as they are detecting, but also can record finds they've made over previous years and all this information can be shared with your local FLO if you choose to do so.

This has the potential to massively increase the number of finds being recorded, should help to take the pressure of the current system and will help take the pressure off the FLO's that do a difficult job under great pressure, who have long been under-resourced and at times, have had to face the frustration of detectorists which is unfortunate. This is also true of FLO's in Wales who have had to face cuts in financing and to the team in Scotland that administer the Trove process. We are grateful for the job they do and can assure them of our commitment in helping to support them in the great job they do in identifying and recording our finds.

We are very excited to say that the launch of the Finds Recording Portal is imminent, we currently have a team of detectorists and FLO's testing and tweaking the process, and once we're all happy, we'll produce the video to show how to get the most out of it, then we'll go live.

The British Museum are in the process of upgrading the PAS database and their developers will be working with our web developers to ensure that the data contained in our app can be shared onto the new PAS database.

This is a massive step forward in ensuring that our shared heritage can be recorded for future generations to enjoy, and we look forward to your support in making it the success it deserves.

Of course, this is just a few of the benefits that come with NCMD membership, which is still only £8 per annum and even less if you opt for a multi-year membership. Don't forget to select 'digital only' if you'd like to use the digital card in the mobile app rather than opting for the recyclable plastic card.



CAN I DETECT THEM?

I am regularly asked by members if they have the right to detect on public footpaths without needing the permission of the landowner.

One member quoted the law at me by saying he knew that you can't detect if you stay on a direct line across the field as it's a public right of way, and he said he could ride a horse if he had one. I had a funny thought of him trying to detect riding a horse, you would need a really long stem on your detector. Anyway, he was wrong about most things as he could not ride his horse (if he had one) as a footpath is for walking across only. No horses, bicycles or metal detecting. Unless of course, you have permission from the landowner to detect that field. Which brings up a point, if you were to find an item on the path it could belong to the landowner or to the local authority depending how deep it was. The surface is the footpath, custodian is the local council and underneath that, it's the landowners.

If you do want to ride your horse you need a bridleway, (the clue is in the name) or a byway where you can walk run skip drive a car and ride a horse, but not all at the same time. When you open your map on your phone and a footpath is marked, it's the farmer's land but the footpath is normally controlled by a local authority like the district council.

They maintain it as a right for people to walk on. So, you cannot dig on it at all, even if the farmer ploughs it up, in which case he must then mark out the footpath again so that people can see the path to cross. One of my farmers seeds one of his with maize then runs a Gator across to mark the path to stop people going all over the place and knocking down the maize. At least he hopes that's what happens.

So, In Brief....

A byway; is normally a laid down hard surface/ track for vehicles such as cars etc. You cannot detect for obvious reasons.

A Bridleway is for horses and for people to walk or ride a bike on. You can detect, but only if you have the permission of the person that owns the land that the bridleway is crossing.

A Footpath is a public right of way, so you have the right to walk along it but nothing else. You can detect the land around it if you have the permission of the landowner to do so, but legally, you can't detect on the footpath itself, even if you have the permission of the person that owns the land that the footpath is crossing.

As always, if you detect on any land without permission, you are breaking the law, and the penalties can be harsh.



LYME DISEASE, HAVE YOU HEARD OF IT?

- Have you heard of it?
- Do you know what it is?
- Do you know the symptoms?
- Do you know what it can do?

If you don't know the answer to these four questions, then read on.

As a detectorist we must be one of the highest sections of the population to be putting ourselves at risk from this nasty disease.

It's a bacterial infection spread by infected ticks, which you can pick up just walking

through long grass etc. They can bite you softly and you might not notice. You might then get a rash or a bull's eye bite mark, and maybe later flu-like symptoms.

If you think you have been bitten and are getting these symptoms, then talk to your doctor. You can get these symptoms months or years later. When you could get swelling in your joints, heart problems, memory problems, the list goes on.

Check out more at the NHS web site at, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>



THE CRYSTAL SLIPPER



A fairytale ending after finding the lost ring

So, last Easter weekend, my wife and I had a stay at Newton farm campsite in Dumfries and Galloway. I took my Minelab DFX 3030 to do a bit of detecting on the beach.

As I was walking towards the beach on Saturday a gentleman stopped me, seeing I was carrying my detector and said if you happen to find a gold wedding ring on the beach over there near the rocks you can keep it as I lost it a while back, I've since bought both of us a new one each. To which I replied, no way mate. If I find it, I will return it to you.

I decided Easter Sunday to give it a go, so knocked on his motorhome door & said show me where you think you lost this ring. He told me about 20 feet from the rocks halfway down the line. He said how he'd lost it when they were walking along the muddy sand, and he got stuck, and he fell in dragging his wife with him, they were both filthy.

Anyway, he obviously didn't notice that when he dragged himself back up his

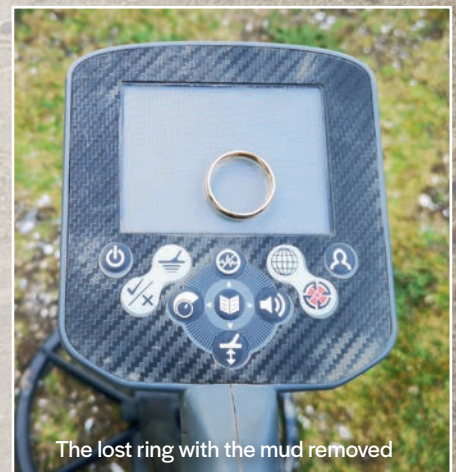
ring wasn't on his finger anymore. So, 2 years later, I try to find it for him, for the first half hour I did a grid pattern to no avail. Then thought, I wonder if the tides have dragged it out rather than in toward the shore. So, I headed out further about 30 feet from where he said. After about another 15 mins, bang, thinking could this be it. I dug in the horrid sticky muddy sand & there it was staring at me in a clump.

I shouted to my wife who was sat on the shoreline, "I've found it". She said, "no way" So we carried it back to his van still in the clump and knocked on his door, I said "I think I may have something of yours he took the clump washed off all the mud and there it was, it was like the crystal slipper moment when he popped it on his finger.

I said that's definitely yours. To which he looked at me and burst out crying and was very emotional. I was just buzzing being my first gold ring & returning an item that meant the world to the rightful owners.



A very muddy recovered ring



The lost ring with the mud removed

MEMBERS FINDS

MY STORY OF OUR TWO GOOD FINDS

I have been detecting for about four years now and I also joined our local club. I have some of my own permissions, but I do go out regularly on club sites as well.

I have even got my grown-up daughter Jemma involved a couple of years ago and she is now as avid about detecting as I am. We have both found some interesting items and here I would like to tell you about both of our favourites. Jemma found this very nice, gilded button a few months ago, but it bears the emblem of the Duke of Somerset, which is a local large estate, but they have no knowledge of this type of button.

We are off to see them soon to take the button back and find out anything we can about it. The motto means ("My Faith, My Duty" or "My Faith is My Duty"). She found it while out detecting a few months ago but nobody thought it was very old as it looked to be new and unblemished.

In comparison my find is a quite normal find, but I am still proud of it, it's only a fancy belt fitting, probably for attaching



The gilded button found by Jemma

keys, and its in the form of a jester. These items became popular in the 1500s, it's a fun object made from bronze or copper alloy and is about four and a half centimetres high.

I found it in Yetton Kennel which is just outside Chippenham. I also found a nice roman brooch quite near it on the same day. But my favourite must be this Jester key hanger, I wonder if the owner lost his keys as well.

Good luck detecting Arthur



Arthur's fancy belt fitting possibly for attaching keys.

JUST A GOLD RING OR A GREAT GOLD RING

Whatever you call it, I found this very nice gold ring on a small rally early this year, it's a bit squashed but you can see some of the writing inside. Apart from being squashed it's in very good condition and I am pretty sure it will straighten out easily.



It was suggested at our club meeting that it was a possible treasure item, but I had already thought that it might be medieval, so I went prepared to hand it over for recording. I don't normally record as it's so hard now to see the FLO and I don't find that much anyway. It's with the FLO now so I have no further details, but I don't expect to see it again as it will probably be declared treasure in a few years. The star and the letters (* MAIS G NT) are engraved on the inside but widely spaced out. - Garry

JESUS LOVES ME

"Jesus loves me" that's how the song goes; well, it did that day when I was out detecting with friends, and I found this medieval (12/ 1400) silver brooch back in 2021. I then recorded it with my FLO and sat back and waited, I have just been told it will be valued by the TVC in November 2024 so just three years to get to this stage of the process, which really is quite good for PAS.

I didn't think anybody would want this broken and squashed brooch when I recorded it with my FLO; but obviously it was more desirable than I anticipated, and it is a piece of local history to them. I had travelled north with friends from my club for a weekend to enjoy a few days detect-



ing and I was rewarded with a very nice silver item. I had also found a few Roman coins and the normal bits, but this silver pendant took pride of place.

So, what is it; well, it's a silver pendant, a bit squashed I admit, but still a piece of our history. It has lost its hinged back which would have probably been on there, and inscribed Agnus Dei which is the Latin name under which the "Lamb of God" is honoured within Christian worship.

The ornament was designed and worn as a reminder of the Christen faith and probably have held a small relic, like a lock of hair. It will be nice to see it on display in the local Museum; they might even give me credit for rescuing it from the soil, as we all do with all our objects.

David

JON & WENDY OVERCOMING ADVERSITY



Wendy in the field taking a break

We are Jon and Wendy and will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this year. We have enjoyed our own separate hobbies and joint hobbies over the years. Jon's main hobby, since he was 9 years old, over 50 years ago, is metal detecting and it is something he is very passionate about.

Unfortunately, just over 3 years ago, Jon was prescribed a very strong antibiotic (Ciprofloxacin) for a "suspected" infection, which it turned out he didn't have. After taking just 2 tablets, Jon suffered a serious adverse reaction, which resulted in him being hospitalised. The antibiotic has attacked him at a cellular level, causing damage to all his soft tissue, muscles, tendons, cartilage etc, this has led to Jon being quite disabled. He has gone from riding large motorbikes to needing a stair lift, a bath lift and using a power chair. Our house now looks like a showroom for an orthopaedic catalogue, we have every conceivable aid to try and make Jon's life (and mine) a bit easier.

The first year was the worst, with some very dark days. Jon was very limited in his movements so spent the whole time in the house. This magazine is called "Digging Deep" and Jon certainly had to dig deep!

He decided he was going to continue metal detecting. Obviously, it wasn't going to be how it used to be. For one he can't walk far, just a few metres, or stand on his legs for very long, his shoulders are damaged as well, so he can't swing or dig either. How on earth was this going to be done, you may ask?

Well, Jon had a plan - he comes up with a "plan" for everything. The first bit of the plan was to convince me to swing and

dig, basically all the hard work! Detecting wasn't something I have ever been interested in, photography is my thing, so why not combine the two suggested Jon. How could I refuse? He bought a second hand 4-wheel drive power chair (Magic Mobility Extreme X8), after selling a motorbike to finance it. But then the problem was transporting it. We borrowed the money to buy a wheelchair access vehicle, which has a ramp and a winch. It was also fitted



John in his 4-wheel drive power chair

with hand controls, as Jon can no longer use his legs to drive. He coached me on digging the “perfect” hole, I kid you not, in our garden. Bought a splitter for dual headphones for his Fisher F75 - he loved that detector - and off we went to a very old permission. Well, it kind of worked, but the leads were everywhere, my spatial awareness isn't great, so I was tripping up and getting tangled in the wires left right and centre. So not a great first time, but we could see it had potential.

I came home from work one day and Jon said he had been doing some research and phoning round some metal detecting dealers, he was after a completely wire-

less detector and the only one is an XP Deus, but (yes there was a but) and that is the Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) from both detector and power chair. The power chair came with a manual with one whole page dedicated to warnings about how EMI could affect it! None of the metal detector dealers could advise Jon on whether we would be able to use the XP with the power chair, with one of them saying it would be impossible - there was no way we would be able to use them together because of them interfering with each other.

But Jon being Jon, he did it anyway! A few days later, a nearly new XP Deus 2 arrived.

The weekend came so off we went. We had no idea what would happen with the EMI; I had visions of Jon going round in circles or shooting off down the field, so it was switched on with trepidation. Nothing happened, they didn't interfere with each other at all. His plan had come together, and it worked perfectly.

I have the Deus 2, Jon has the controller, so we do it as a real team. He changes the settings and presses the pin pointer mode and I do the swinging and the digging. It works brilliantly. We started with me wearing the XP WS6 headphones and Jon using an adapter into the controller and his normal headphones, but I found that the noises, straight into my ears, drives me potty and we like to have a conversation whilst we are out detecting, so now, we don't wear headphones. The power chair performs great too and we needed the 4-wheel drive to do what we do. We have found some lovely items. Jon likes his coins, but I prefer the artefacts, my favourites being: a post medieval hawking whistle and an early 20th century put and take spinner. We haven't found gold yet, as a duo, but maybe 2024 will be the year!

We have proved disabled detecting can be done and Jon gets just as much enjoyment out of it as he used to. If you would like to see us in action, check out our YouTube channel. (disabled adventures 4115) We really hope this has inspired someone to give it a go.

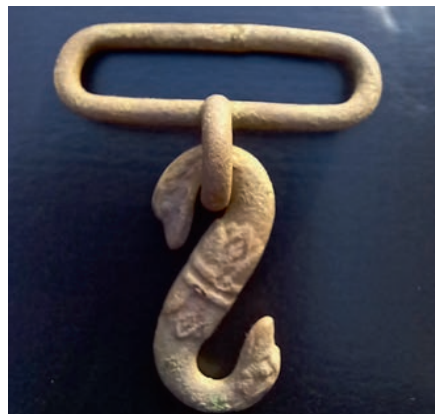
Jon and Wendy



Some modern silver coins and a silver spoon



A modern spinner toy



A beautiful snake buckle



A lovely James I Sixpence

THE NEW SIGNIFICANCE ADDITION TO THE TREASURE LAW IN ENGLAND & WALES

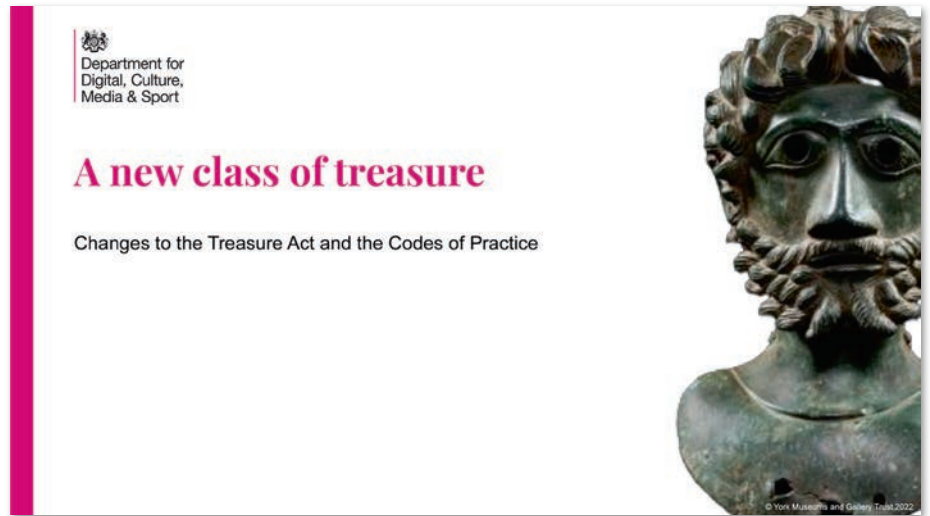
So what's it all about?

This is an addition to the current Treasure Law that you should already be aware of as it came into force on 30th July 2023 so only applies to items found after that date.

Under the clause, any items deemed as being potentially significant have to be over 200 years old and if found to be significant by the PAS could be classed as potential treasure.

The same rules apply if you believe any item is potential treasure or when somebody tells you it could be potential treasure, then you have 14 days from then to inform the local coroner and you can do this via your FLO but the 14-day rule still applies.

The first ever item to be claimed under the new clause and be subsequently declared treasure is a silver penny of Guthrum, a Viking that was Baptised after being defeated by the army of King Alfred the Great at Edington in AD 879. So now a single gold or silver coin like this rare example could now come under this new addition Significance Clause in the treasure law.



Scan the QR code on the bottom right of this article to visit the PAS website .

(PAS-D68238 / 2024 T380).

Remember if you find potential treasure the coroner must be informed within 14 days of finding it, or when you are made aware its potential treasure. By informing your FLO and arranging to hand it over that will meet the new criteria.

A new class of treasure, Changes to the Treasure Act and the Codes of Practice from the DCMS website.



EXPORTING METAL DETECTING FINDS OUT OF THE UK - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



If you come over to the UK from overseas and wish to metal detect, you must comply with the law, especially if you want to take your finds home with you. You must get an Export Licence for any metal detected items that are over 50 years old.

This is quite an easy process in most cases, but it does take time, and you should also have the items recorded with the PAS. This might take months for the FLO to record the item, but it does not cost anything for the licence. The most important thing you need to know is that failure to comply with the law can lead to 10 years in prison and an unlimited fine. Therefore, you should visit the NCMD website or the PAS website, where you will find everything, you need to know.

To apply for an export licence, visit www.artscouncil.org/export-licenses.

You should also note that under the terms of the Export Control Act 2002, the maximum penalty includes deliberately attempting to take items out of the country. You are not treated more leniently because you are from overseas, or because your attempt to smuggle them out of the country failed.

If you break the UK's export control regulations, the penalty is up to 10 years in prison and an unlimited fine. So do the right thing!

BEGINNERS LUCK!

Dave Crisp and myself were attending one of Huw Davies events in the wilds of Wales, and it was a momentous occasion as a BBC film crew were there to film for a new series about ancient myths and legends, hosted by Charlie Cooper.

Everyone heading off detecting, followed by the film crew and I was left holding the fort. A young lady came wandering over and told me that she had travelled over with her brother, who was the cameraman with the film crew. She had been on a hen weekend, but when she heard, he was going to film a detecting event, she left the hen party early so she could come and see metal detecting for herself.

She was so excited at the thought of someone finding 'something old', and I asked her if she had ever been detecting before. It seems that she hadn't, so I took my kit out of the truck and asked if she'd like to have a go.

She was absolutely buzzing as we set off, and we deliberately went in the opposite direction to everyone else. We had a few crappy signals that the Manticore suggested was indeed crap, so we ignored them. We finally had a decent signal and dug our first hole. It turned out to be a piece of copper wire, but her enthusiasm didn't falter and on we went.

Another spate of crappy signals was finally followed by a really strong one and she dug her second hole. Whatever it was, it was small, but my pin pointer finally tracked it down. I could see a curved silver rim of what was most likely a button was most likely, and I dropped the clod of mud into her hand. She was trembling as she brushed away the mud to reveal, not the tombac button I was expecting it to be, but it was in fact an Edward



Huw's event in the wilds of Wales

1st penny in really good condition. To say she was excited is an understatement, in fact she became extremely emotional when I told her what it was and that it was hers to keep. She blurted out that it was her 30th birthday the following day, so this was a very nice early birthday present.

And that sums up the hobby pretty well, Dave, myself and many others present found little of note, yet this young lady had a fantastic find on her first go at detecting and in the second hole she dug.

But it was a great day out, set in beautiful countryside with stunning views and as always, great company and that's what makes this hobby so fantastic. The finds we make are a bonus. Unfortunately I didn't even get her name.



Excited after finding the Edward 1st penny



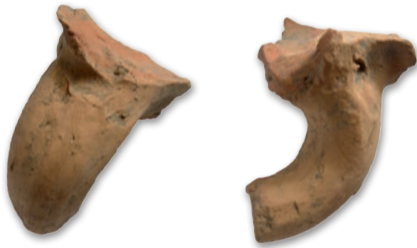
Charlie during filming



Me with Charlie Cooper whilst filming his series Myth Country

EYES ONLY FINDS

I have been a metal detectorist now for over 36 years; I started in our fantastic hobby back in the days when detectors were a bit limited in what you could buy to say the least. In all this time our hobby has been very good to me, both in finds and my mental health as I started just to get me away from the stress of work, running butchery departments in large supermarkets. In all this time I have found plenty of very interesting items which I have written about in various magazines both here and in the USA. But today I would like to show what you can find, just by keeping your eyes open as you detect.



1. Let's start with an early find of mine an 6 inch Amphora handle, this probably came all the way across from Rome, supplying the Roman's based here with the goods that they needed; like Olives, olive oil, the fish sauce guram (which apparently was revolting), well it takes all sorts.



3. It's not all man-made items, quite often you see fossils like this unique fossil of a nautilus which inhabited our warm seas when we were still under water from over 500 million years ago. It's made of a type of orange Silica it came from a field in Somerset and I could see the ridges on the curve, just sticking out of the ground.



2. This is a picture of my first Neolithic Axe head which was just lying there after ploughing by my farmer. It's over 10 X 6 cm, and made of a bright orange flint which showed up well after the rain shower the day before. It's over four thousand years old, so it's not in bad condition. It now sits proudly on my Landowners desk. Funnily I found another axe head last year on a different field, but that one was made of a brown grainy rock. That one went to a different farmer's grandson who was studying the Neolithic period at school.



4. Well pottery is a very obviously an important part of detecting, as it tells you so much about the occupation of that site over the last 2,000 years or more, from Celtic pottery to the modern day. This is a small piece about 9cm across of possible 200 BC late Iron Age pottery, but it does tell us that this field was occupied at that time possibly before the Romans.



5. This is a piece of an early high status Roman bowl made from Samian Ware this was produced in the first half of the Roman occupation probably in Spain. The bowl was about 7 cm high and was possible a fruit bowl on a high-status low table. Another piece of Samian with a sandy pink interior and the bright red coating called slip. This piece is decorated with figures. The left one reaching for the other, and they both appear to be naked.



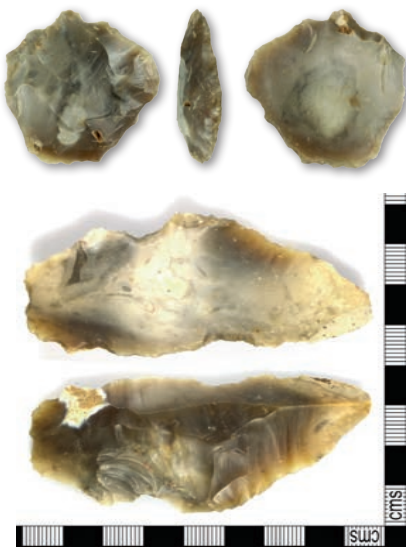
6. This is a piece of burnt Roman grayware which I found in a Roman rubbish pit with a few coins, and you can see where a Roman coin was stuck to it I thought the Archaeologists would dig it but it was not important enough; it was just a rubbish pit.



7. Again, a Roman jug or Flagon neck, with an intact rim made in a very hard type of pinkie grey clay.



9. I think my 2nd best item is a small piece of Samian Ware with a potter's mark on it. It reads DVPIVSF which translates as Duppius made by, which was a potter who made this high class Samian ware in Lezoux in France about 145-175 AD. It was then transported across the channel to be sold.



8. I have also found these two Neolithic/ early Bronze Age tools on different occasions and on different sites the first is just a flint scraper, but a very essential tool for the scraping of hides etc. as this was long before tools made of metal. The Second is of the same time period about up to 800 BC, but in the shape, we recognise of a knife and being made of flint it was and still is quite sharp. I know this as I managed to nick myself on a sharp bit.



10. Last but not least, these Tesserae deserve a mention; some just bits of pottery cut up to be made into the marvellous Mosaic floors that decorate some of the best Roman Villas across the Roman world. These can be found on Roman sites but could also be the result of a bag splitting being carried by a mule or cark.



11. A piece of very modern history a Buddha urn found on the shore of the river Thames; I did tell the London Museum, but I think it was too modern for them.

So, a few choice bits just by keeping my eyes open, I was out with two friends detecting when we had to cross a freshly deep ploughed field and there were two bits of a broken fossil about 8 inches across on the surface. Look I said an ammonite about 1 ½ million plus years old. Neither were interested, as it wasn't made of metal; it takes all sorts.

Do you wish to share your find or story with us in Digging Deep?

We're always on the lookout for captivating stories and articles, ideally accompanied by photos. Your piece could highlight a fascinating find, recount an interesting event - perhaps a Treasure item that took four years to navigate the treasure process. Share your experiences, good or bad, with PAS. Or maybe you'd like to praise someone for their help or shine a light on a speedy recording process by your FLO.

We're always eager to feature articles from our members. If you'd like to contribute, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at communicationsofficer@ncmd.co.uk



TREASURES UNEARTHED

METAL DETECTING FINDS EXHIBITION

The North-West Group of Metal Detecting Clubs (NWG) is a group born from the ashes of the old NCMD regional system. The Group is now autonomous and self-funding, it consists of 8 clubs, circa 600 members whose locations stretch 99 miles North to South. Delegates from each of our clubs meet every month at a central location to discuss club business, bring each other up to date with hobby matters, and of course, plan future NWG events. The eight clubs are.

Bolton MDC. North-West MDC. South Lanc's & Cheshire MDC. Mold MDC.
Wrexham MDC. Lune Valley MDC. West Kirby MDC. Stockport MDC.

Each year the Group provides a 'Free To Members Rally' along with the celebrated 'Treasured Unearthed Finds exhibition.' This year we were again privileged to be able to stage the exhibition in the historic and magnificent Chester Cathedral.

On Saturday 27th July the Clubs of the NWG descended on Chester Cathedral to set up stall and prepare for the visiting public, on the day there are 4 trophies to be won by the clubs attending, best coin, best artefact, best overall club display, and best themed showcase, this is a showcase consisting of a pre agreed content, this year it was 'Clothes fasteners through the ages' four independent judges are appointed to select the lucky few who will leave with the trophies.

There is also a mega raffle where the tickets sales are restricted to group Members only, The North-West Group Members wish to thank Minelab and First Texas Products for their generous contributions and their ongoing support for The North-West Group. We also wish to show our gratitude to our partners Graeme and Mel of 'Unearthed UK,' who tirelessly promote both our hobby, and our group from their Cumbria based business.

The visitors began arriving in the hall at around 09.45am, and soon the stream became a torrent which was ceaseless throughout the day.(Fig 1)

The main entrance to the exhibition was via the beautiful Cloisters, the visitors were met on one side with the NWG banner announcing the exhibition and protected by our very own Paul Parnell. On



Fig.1. Visitors began arriving at the hall and became torrent and was ceaseless thought the day.

the other side by three members of the Wirhalh Skip Felagr Viking re-enactment group (Fig 2) including a coin striker who was kept busy by children and adults alike, striking medieval coins for them to take away and show their pals.

As the visitor stepped into the Hall, to the left was the stand of the Finds Liaison Officers from the Portable Antiquities Scheme, Heather Beeton and Susie White (Fig 3) between them represent Wales, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Cheshire, Heather and Susie were kept busy (at times swamped) throughout the day by both detectorists and members of the public seeking advice on all aspects of the hobby including finds identification. Facing the FLO's stand was the trade stand, staffed by Graeme and Mel, the owners of uneartheduk.co.uk, as always doing a sterling job looking after seasoned detectorists and beginners alike, all this on top of their duties around the exhibition, judging the best



Fig.2. Members of the Wirhalh Skip Felagr Viking re-enactment group including a coin striker.



Fig.3. Heather Beeton & Susie White from the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

artifact competition with Graeme and Mel assisting with the mega raffle.

Completing this section of the hall was the NCMD stand, manned by Alan Tamblyn General Secretary and Dave Crisp Communications Secretary (Fig 4) both Alan and Dave were kept on their toes by the never-ending stream of visitors seeking information about the hobby. Alongside them was Stockport MDC with a fabulous display of coins and artefacts.

And so, into the main hall where the ceiling is sixty foot high, and the room is dominated by a magnificent stained-glass window which overlooked six more club stands, exhibiting more than forty showcases brimming with coins and artefacts, club members exhibited their precious finds with pride, as the visitors progressed through the hall they viewed the finds from the Wrexham MDC, West Kirby MDC, Lune Valley MDC, HSS Mold, North West MDC and finally the South Lanc's & Cheshire MDC.

During the morning and early afternoon, the judges were busy searching the stands and displays for what they considered to be the best in show.

The judge for the best coin on show was Catherine Lange from thedetectinghub.co.uk and former Communications Officer of the NCMD. Catherine has extensive knowledge of both coins and artefacts, and with the fabulous array of coins on show, she needed it. After whittling down her choice to five coins and then two coins, she only made her mind up as the presentation time approached, but what a wonderful choice



Fig.4. Dave Crisp & Alan Tamblyn manning the NCMD stand

it was, a gold Tremissis of Maurice Tiberius, the announcement was made, and the finder Phil Moy of the West Kirby MDC came forward to claim his trophy. (Fig 5)

Then it was the turn of the best Artefact, judged this year by Graeme Rushton of Uearthed UK, with some incredible choices available, Graeme surprised us all by choosing a lead artefact, it was a lead weight with the name ROGER on one side and DE DERB on the other, so good it looks like it's just been made, when in fact, the PAS record of this find describes it as 'a find of note' and dates it to the 13th / 14th century, what a gem of a spot by the judge. The finder Gary Coupar from the North-West MDC was over the moon as he stepped forward to receive his trophy (Fig 6)

Next came the best themed showcase, this year the chosen theme was 'Clothes fasteners through the ages', the brief in this competition was, each club will assemble a showcase from finds belonging to several members, our judge for the day was Heather Beeton, FLO for the Portable Antiquities Scheme, as you can imagine with all clubs showing the same types of finds it was a close run thing, but Heather was decisive in her choice, and the Wrexham MDC were the victors. Michael Chetwood and Steven Lewis received the Trophy (Fig 7)

Finally, the most coveted trophy, for the best overall club display, judged this year by Emily Lanigan-Palotai, Emily is the Chester Cathedral Archivist and once again kindly agreed to give up her time to join us for this competition. After much deliberation she named the



Fig.5. Phil Moy of West Kirby MDC winning the trophy for best coin on show.



Fig.6. Gary Coupar from the North-West MDC winning the trophy for best artefact.



Fig.7 Michael Chetwood and Steven Lewis receiving the Trophy for 'Clothes fasteners through the ages' from Finds Liason Officer Heather Beeton

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stand of the North-West MDC as this year's winner. A delighted James Snelson strode up to receive the trophy on behalf of the club, (Fig 8).

After concluding the competition results the Group Chairman Dave Edwards invited Mel from Unearthed UK to assist in the draw for the mega raffle. With six metal detectors as prizes there was great anticipation around the hall.

And so, it was time for another memorable day at this incredible venue to draw to a close, the end of another extremely successful show. Looking forward to next year already.

The members of the North-West Group wish to sincerely thank.

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Our hosts

Richard Hodge, Assistant Sales, and Events Manager for the Chester Cathedral.

Kevin Gorman.
(For the North-West Group delegates)



Fig.8 North-West MDC winners for best overall club display. Collected by member James Snelson.



Fig.9 First prize raffle winner of a Minelab X-Terra Evanne Hughes of the South Lanc's & Cheshire MDC. Collected by Brian Cross.



Fig.10 Second prize winner of Minelab X-Terra , Paul Bennet of Bolton MDC. Prize collected by Graeme Rushton.



Fig.11 Third prize winner of Fisher F44 won and collected by Gerrard Mc Donnell from West Kirby MDC.



Fig.14 Sixth Prize a Minelab Go-Find went to Wayne Cooogan of the South Lanc's & Cheshire MCC.



Fig.12 Fourth prize winner of Fisher F75 won by Gerrard Mc Donnell from the West Kirby MDC.



Fig.13 Fifth Prize was a Minelab Vanquish and went to Deborah Johnson, Bolton MDC. Collected by Graeme Rushton.

CHARITABLE GIFTS TO LOCAL SCOTTISH CHARITIES

Due to the demise of the old regional voting system as voted for by the former regions, the NCMD Scottish Region elected to disperse its funds to charity as dictated in its constitution. The Officers of the Scottish Region, Lesley Sleith, Stephen Kerr, Alastair Hacket and Siobhan Lihne decided that the best way to do this was by applying a formula to each member of the 2 Clubs in the region, namely, The Scottish Detector Club and The Scottish Artefact Recovery Group.

The assets were exactly £7,400.00 and with 42 members in SARG and 106 in SDC that meant £50 per head. Multiplying one with the other resulted in £2,100.00 for SARG and £5,300.00 for SDC. Each club was tasked with nominating charities that were in their local area, or had local branches, were on OSCR (Online Scottish Charity Register) and were not start-ups. Up to 10 charities could be chosen by each club. The final list of clubs is listed here.

SDC £530.00 to each of 10 charities

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CARERS OF EAST LOTHIAN (PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CARERS)	SC027000
BORDERS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY (GENEALOGISTS)	SC005531
MYPAS (FOR YOUNGSTERS COPING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DRINK AND DRUGS)	SC029543
BORDERS PET RESCUE EARLSTON	SC001583
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HAWICK ACORN PROJECT INITIATIVE, HAPI (OFFERING RESOURCES FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES)	SC044641
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CHAS (CHILDRENS HOSPICES ACROSS SCOTLAND, KINROSS BRANCH)	SC136410

The Region's accountant has kindly offered to waive his fee for performing this task and the regions bank account will be closed by the end of 2024.

Our particular thanks go to Lesley Sleith (Chair) Stephen Kerr (Vice Chair) Alastair Hacket (Secretary) and Siobhan Lihne (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) of the former NCMD Scottish Region.

The best interests of our members residing in Scotland continue to be looked after by the NCMD at National Level, as was demonstrated recently during the review of the Trove laws in Scotland, where the NCMD was extensively involved and will representing your interests going forward as members of the discussion group that is being formed by the KLTR.

THE SCOTTISH TROVE LAW REVIEW



The King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer (KLTR):

Under Scottish law, all portable antiquities of archaeological, historical or cultural significance are subject to claim by the crown through the Treasure Trove system and therefore, all metal detecting finds that are found in Scotland, must be reported. Under the Trove system, items are either claimed or disclaimed, depending on whether or not a museum feels the item should be retained. If an item is claimed by a museum, the finder gets a reward, if disclaimed, the item is returned to the finder.

This present law in Scotland dates back to 1997 as does the process that supports it and in 2023 it was decided that the current law and process would be reviewed during 2024. A team was set up to manage this review and one of their main aims, was to ensure that all interested parties were included and that their feedback was taken into account.

As the NCMD has a significant membership in Scotland, we were invited to meet the Kings Council team in Edinburgh when they were planning the review. The KLTR is the Crown's representative in Scotland. We were very warmly welcomed by the KLTR representatives and the review team,

and we were invited to share meeting information with our members. More importantly, we were asked to share links with all our members in Scotland so that they could provide their individual feedback for the team to consider.

Under the review, the NCMD were officially recognised as representing detectorists in Scotland and we will be part of a review board that meets to discuss the process and provide feedback from our members going forward. Under the current law, recently discovered artefacts are automatically assigned as 'owner-less goods' and passed to the Crown, the KLTR delegates authority to the Treasure Trove Unit to determine whether or not an object should be classified as treasure and the SAFAP is part of that process.

The Scottish Archaeological Finds Allocation Panel (SAFAP):

The SAFAP is made up of experts from the museum and archaeological sectors, including Ex Officio members recruited from Museums Galleries Scotland, National Museums Scotland, and Historic Environment Scotland. The SAFAP has responsibility for assigning Treasure Trove cases to applicant museums, as well as setting the Ex-Gratia award for the

finder (which is met by the applicant museum). Further information on SAFAP may be found here:

<https://treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/about/safap>

If you would like to discuss anything relating to Treasure Trove further, please contact Jacob O'Sullivan, Museum Development Manager – Collections & Interpretation at:

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The 4 Coins:

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER MEMBER. The answers and competition winner details will be on our web site after the draw

2025 NCMD MEMBERSHIP



Dear Member,

Just a reminder that for many of you, your membership of the NCMD Expires on 31st March 2025. To continue enjoying your membership benefits including your insurance cover (with zero excess), please renew your membership using one of the following three options:

- If you are a member of a club, the renewal process will continue as before.
 - If you are an individual or a new club, please visit our website at www.ncmd.co.uk/membership
 - Only apply by post using the form below if you are unable to use the two methods above.
- Please include a cheque or postal order made payable to the 'NCMD'
(cheques and postal orders only apply to this so should follow on and not be listed separately)

Previous NCMD membership number:

First name: Last name:

Address:

Town/City:

County: Post Code:

Email: Telephone:

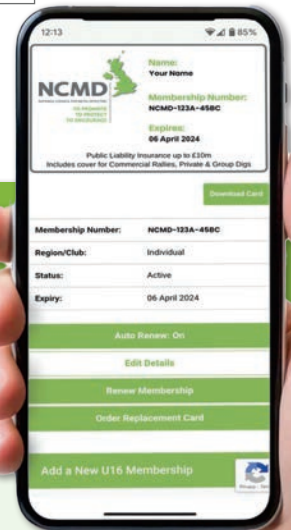
Please tick below your chosen length of membership.

- 1 year £8 2 years £15 3 years £22 5 years £35

Remember: You can automatically renew your membership online, when you choose 'Auto Renew'

Please send this form and a cheque/postal order to:

Membership Secretary
PO Box 13183
Gordon
TD11 9AJ



Any membership queries, please email membershipsecretary@ncmd.co.uk

From time to time the NCMD needs to update members regarding PAS, PAAG, Heritage Crime, British Museum, NCMD Meeting Minutes, Prize Draws, Competitions, Digging Deep newsletter, Polls and give members the opportunity to have their say.

Please tick below your preferred method of contact you are happy for us to use to keep in touch with you;

- POST EMAIL TEXT I DO NOT WISH TO BE CONTACTED (You will not receive this publication)

Please be aware: If you tick this option you will not receive the Digging Deep newsletter or be able to take part in Draws and Competitions. The National Council of Metal Detecting (NCMD) is a member of SARA (The Sports And Leisure Alliance). If you have any queries or require more information on the NCMD, please visit our website at www.ncmd.co.uk Alternatively, please email communicationsofficer@ncmd.co.uk