

Largest Chinese Coin Hoard found in the UK found by UKDN Member

This story first got brought to our attention, when Cumbrian Fox wrote on the forum:

'I was out last night in a pasture field when I came across this and I must admit at first glance I thought they were just a roll of washers that the farmer had dropped. 105 Chinese coins in total and I will be taking them today down to the local FLO to report. I have not a clue about the age or value or even what dynasty that they are. Found with the XP Goldmax Power. I still cannot get over what these coins are doing buried in an English field'.

He immediately advised his local FLO Dot Broughton who in turn contacted the British Museum with the following:

'One of my finders from Barrow reported this to me - a hoard of 107 (after recount) Chinese coins, different denominations, all tied together with a string (which started to fall apart when he got them out of the ground). Can you send these on to the curators who deal with coins from the Far East, please, to find out if these coins date from pre-1711?'



***The Hoard of
Chinese Coins***

On the 14th December they were collected after the trainee curator for Asian coins Qin Cao, had worked endlessly for months photographing and identifying them.



Above: A few of the coins from the hoard

The coins themselves span a couple of hundred years. The earliest being Mid 18th Century and from the Qing dynasty~Shunzhi reign period. It is thought they are the largest hoard of

Chinese Coins to be found within the UK, and although not extremely old or valuable, is of a lot of local interest.

Cumbrian Fox has since had a word with the farmer and they both will be donating the hoard to the Barrow dock museum as they think it would be better that the local public get to see them rather than sell the hoard off and the coins never be seen again.

For those interested C.F has edited a video clip of the coins for us all to enjoy and this can be viewed here.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlsLAWqbCjs>

A great story for a very unusual hoard. He can be proud of not only preserving history, but also in the exemplary way he has dealt with the find, and both his and the farmers generosity.

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Cumbrian Fox (on the right) and his mate Ian holding a rare Roman coin