

The Sutton Bank Hoard - By Sue (aka Amber)



It was a cold overcast day on Good Friday, the day started off as most of our digs do with the usual Georgian and Victorian coins little did we know this day would be a little different though.

Ambers Digs has been going for just over a year and in that year we have had 100's of individual hammered coins come out and over 20 gold objects, gold sovereigns a gold roman coin an Edward III half noble, gold guinea's and numerous other things, but the one thing missing from all of our finds has been a hoard.

Not any more though, this day produced a scattered hoard of 22 Edward I hammered silver coins also

a Richard I hammered coin found not too far from the area.

The group we have are a fantastic bunch, every member will show every one their finds as they come out and where they were found them, this day was no different.

Graham heard that a hammered had been found and like always he walked over to the finder to take a photograph and when he reached the finder he had found another one!

Graham was about to take a photo of the two coins when another was found, then another and another! Every signal dug seem to be producing a coin.



Sue and Graham - Image credited to the Northern Echo

This went on for about 40 minutes leaving us with the 23 hammered coins 22 of which have been declared as treasure. The Richard I coin is also going off to the FLO to be recorded and photographed as well.

The group goes out every Sunday all year round weather permitting we have 1000's of acres to detect on from Durham down to York so we are never short of a field or two to detect in.

All of our members appreciate that you don't always find things but as a group we have been really lucky, this hoard is the icing on the cake.....at the moment. I'm sure this won't be our only hoard it's just a matter of time.

We were actually detecting the week before on a farm down the road from the hoard farm. I decided while every one was out in the fields I would call at a farm for permission as a club to detect on for a future dig.

It's not a thing I would normally do as usually I can't wait to get on the land to search it. Needless to say the farmer was elated at hearing about the hoard on his land. The FLO has been informed and now it's a waiting game.

Durham group unearth 13 century silver coins