



# **HAMMERED COIN I.D. - THE BASICS**



**OUT AND ABOUT IN  
SKIDMARK - IN THE  
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HAMMEREDS**



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## The Admin Team



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Hi Everyone

The detecting season is fast coming to a close. The fields are fairly well drilled now and most of us have only pasture land and beaches to detect on. The period coming up is a lean time and is noticeable on the forum by a reduction in the numbers of finds being shown and the number of posts being made. Help us to keep the forum lively by posting up any research tips, funny stories, help and advice, in brief, anything to help members struggling to get out and detect.

We have made note elsewhere in this magazine about the fall in numbers submitting their photographs for the monthly competitions. These competitions are always very popular with the members and we can only ask that if you like taking photos then help us keep these competitions going by submitting a photo each month.

The same applies to our monthly Coin and Artefact competitions. Entries are needed each month and with a prize of a free copy of Treasure Hunting magazine each category there's no reason not to enter. Our competitions are held, in the main, so that new members can see just what can be found with a metal detector. Like club finds competitions they encourage new members to keep going in the hobby.

This forum magazine is going really well. The January 2014 issue is only 18 issues away from 1,000 downloads, a great result for all those members involved in it's production including those of you who have written articles for Word magazine. If you have a story to tell then please get in touch with any staff member by pm or email.

Hope the weather continues to stay nice. At the time of writing the forecasters have got it totally wrong as they forecast rain and we've had three beautiful days. If you can get out the Admin team here hope you make some lovely finds and manage to show them to your forum friends.

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# Coin of The Month

## Winner - Festa AethelbertII Penny



It was a usual Sunday morning I was hungover and decided to have a couple of hours detecting to clear my head.

I had been detecting on pasture for about 45 mins finding 303 tips and shotties, when it started hailing so I decided to head for shelter.

I then got a signal that I thought was going to be another bullet but it was not as loud as the other signals so I gave it a couple more sweeps, then thankfully decided to dig it. I dug out a clod about six inches across, swung the coil over the clod and silence. I got my probe out and got a strong signal in the bottom of the hole.

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## MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

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Two inches further down I got a glimpse of a coin. I rubbed the mud off then thought that's quite nice looks like it might be Saxon so I scoured the area for a while before going home, where I took a couple of piccies and sent them to my personal coin expert cliff aka coldstream02.

He put it on a couple of forums including this one and a couple of people on the forums suggested I contact Dr Martin Allen at the Fitzwilliam museum which I did and the rest they say is history.....

**(c) Festa April 2013**

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## DID YOU KNOW

The **Double Florin** (4/-) was one of the shortest-lived British coin denominations ever, only being produced during 4 mint years, between 1887 and 1890. The silver coin weighed 22.6 grams (0.80 oz) and was 36 mm (1.4 in) in dia.

The obverse side of the coin shows a portrait of Queen Victoria wearing a veil, with the inscription "VICTORIA - DEI GRATIA" (Victoria - By the grace of God), while the reverse side shows four cruciform-crowned shields bearing the emblems of England (x2), Scotland, and Ireland, with sceptres between the shields, in the style of Charles II's gold coins designed by John Roettiers; the inscription on the reverse reads, "FID DEF BRITT REG date".

The coin was introduced as part of a short-lived attempt at decimalization of the currency, after an earlier attempt had spawned the florin. Since it is equivalent to 20 new pence, the coin was not demonetized as part of the 1971 decimalization. The coins are not likely spent, though, as the silver content of each coin is worth far more than 20 pence.

The coin acquired the nickname of "Barmaid's Grief" due to its similarity to the slightly larger crown coin (worth 5 shillings, 25% more than the double florin), as neither coin was marked with its denomination and both used an identical portrait of Queen Victoria on the obverse.

Some coins minted in 1887 (the first year) had a Roman 'I' instead of an Arabic '1' in the date. This went unnoticed for a time until corrected, allowing the balance of the mint run to be produced with the correct date. These two variations are worth approximately the same, making the series more interesting for collectors. Some coins dated 1888 and 1889 have an inverted Arabic 1 instead of the second I in VICTORIA as the result of a broken punch.

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# Artefact of the Month

## Winner - Lets get hammered Medieval Gold Ring



I found the ring in the North Yorkshire area on the 16th of March on an organised dig.

It's my first bit medieval gold.

After finding it I couldn't sleep that night .

I use the Minelab Explorer SE with a 12x10 sef coil.



Graham and his gold  
medieval ring

## Monthly Competitions Runners up



**bobgunnis -  
Edward 3rd  
London Groat**



**sidnallie –  
Dubonni  
Quarter stater**



**Hectorsfarm -  
Cantii potin**



## Monthly Competitions Runners up



**Coreservers -  
Henry 1st  
annulets issue  
penny**



**Blue\_yeti -  
Edward III  
half Noble**



**Puffin -  
Henry 8th  
Half Groat**

## **Monthly Competitions Runners up**



**Mohican -  
King John  
Irish Penny**



**Ustwo -  
Charles 1st  
Shilling**



**Jammeygit -  
Gold Stater**

## **Monthly Competitions Runners up**



**Core servers  
12thC  
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**Tinnersdad -  
Roman Fly  
Brooch**



**Tinner -  
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inscribed  
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***Chris Hall - Alfriston Clergy House,  
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***Popsandme - Space Ranger.  
Canon 600D.***

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***Slapeddicus - Red Deer in Richmond Park***



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## OUT AND ABOUT IN SKIDMARK

### IN THE FAST LANE FOR HAMMERED COINS

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By Brian Cross



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The Red Rocket was now dead, killed-off, derelict, kaput and lying in-state in the lay-by opposite our house. Parked next to the Rocket was our recent acquisition, Rocket II, a Talbot Express camper van, which was fully six years newer than the Rocket, and taller, faster and longer. We had bought it on a Tuesday and attended our club meeting on the Wednesday, where John Fargher, club President, had announced to cheers and cat calls, that Red Rocket was finally demised.

#### ***Call it Skidmark***

After quietening the cheering mob, John told the members that the new van was beige with a brown stripe and would be known as Rocket II, to keep the tradition going. Some Smart Alec quipped, "Why don't you call it Skidmark?" This received huge applause and a great deal of laughter from the members, which prompted us to think that the idea of calling our new van "Rocket II" might already, be dead and buried.

The next day, loaded to the gunnels, Skidmark was flying down the motorway at a breath-taking 70 mph. Mo and Myself' couldn't believe it. Here we were passing vans, cars and lorries and travelling in the fast lane of the motorway, two lanes further to the right than we had ever travelled with the Red Rocket.

John Fargher had invited us to "The Goodall Institute", as long as we took him there and back. Who could refuse an invitation like that? The three of us chatted and laughed through what proved to an uneventful, cheerful and speedy journey down to darkest Suffolk and the "Institute".

Myself and Mo' were caught totally unawares when we walked into the house and were greeted by two huge dogs that can only be described as 'throw-backs' from the age of the Dinosaurs. Well, surely that was the case, as these two were the biggest dogs we had ever seen.

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They made us feel like the 'Little People', especially when one put his front paws on Mo's shoulders and started to lick the top of her head!

Me? As everyone knows I'm a bit of an urban cowboy, I'm just not into animals, none of them ever like me and the feeling is mutual. I swear that as these two beasts romped towards me, the whole of my past life flashed before my eyes!

To be fair, the Irish Wolf Hounds soon settled down, once they had given Mo and myself a licking that beat a Turkish bath, hands down! The 'Goodall Institute' must be the only place in Britain where you can leave the TV and video on the back lawn and the cheque book on the back window sill and still sleep peacefully, for who would venture into a garden when the dogs peer over the 6ft fence to see what's going on outside?

### **Goodall Red Eye**

That evening John and his wife Kath, looked after us in a grand style. We partook in a bowl or two of Ipswich gruel, a green-looking mixture of broth with the addition of anything that John cares to find whilst out detecting. This was washed down with several bottles of Goodall Red Eye, a brew we felt John had concocted for the sole purpose of nobbling us the following day.

The only embarrassing point of the evening was listening to John Fargher and John Goodall, both addled on 'Red Eye', trying to take off the comedian Jethro. If we hear "What 'appened wos" before the year 2010, it'll be ten years too early. They bled the saying to death. On top of that JF started prancing around in only his boxer shorts, posing as Mr Universe, now that was a sight to make you cringe. Mo' and myself made a dash for Skidmark and the peace that came with it.

The next day we awoke to the sun streaming into the van and the mercury rising very rapidly. It was going to be another scorcher. By 9 a.m. we were on site in Skidmark.

### **We were off**

The field was large but rolled perfectly flat, ready for seed. John pointed out the various areas where items had come up. Hammered up the top, a bit of Roman from down there, a lovely Saxon strap-end from over there, etc, etc. We were off.

An hour later I hadn't had a signal of any note and met up with Mo'. She was doing as badly as I was. JF and John were in the distance plodding up and down; neither seemed to be doing any digging. "It's gonna be one of those days", we commented.

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A further hour later we were collecting a bottle of water from Skidmark, as were the two John's. The heat was almost unbearable; it was to be the hottest day we had ever detected in.

By now we all had a few scraps of metal in our finds pouch and it was time something different popped up. The ground was baked hard and small sods of earth had to be gently hit with the trowel to crack them open to retrieve the signals. John said the weather had been this hot for a week.

Then I got a signal, looked down and saw the black edge of a large hammered coin. On picking it up, I found it was the badly damaged groat of Queen Mary, shown in Fig.1. This was the first Mary groat I had ever found, what a shame it was in this condition.



*Fig 1. Queen Mary Groat (battered)*

This find spurred Mo and myself' on. We all concentrated on the area of this find until dinner when we had a welcome break, sitting in the shade near Skidmark under some trees, listening to JF and John harking on about every subject under the sun and peppering every other sentence with the obligatory, "What 'appened was". The jokes were really flying and it was a shame to break the fun up with the drudgery of detecting in the searing heat.

### ***Hammered quarter penny***

A while later, I got a signal and picked up a small sod of earth ready to bash it with my trowel when I noticed something silver on the back-side of it. It was a hammered quarter penny! It is shown in Fig 2. I haven't identified the coin as yet because I am reluctant to take it out from the lump of baked earth. Every time I examine that lump of earth it reminds me of just how hot it was that day.

This find fired us all up even though the day seemed to be getting even hotter. Mo' wandered down to the very bottom of the field and went missing for several hours during which time both John's got a scabby hammered each.

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*Fig. 2 Hammered Quarter*

I was just about to go back to Skidmark to brew up when I got a sweet signal and found the Elizabeth I half-groat shown in Fig 3. The day was drawing to a close now, it had been a good day for me finding three hammered coins, and I was quite content to brew up and relax in the van for the last half-hour. Slowly the others came back and we showed each other our finds. Five hammered coins had been found with nothing special in the artefacts section but what red faces and necks we all had. We all looked as if we had been bar-b-qued all day..... which we had.

That night we all chilled out with a few beers and wines and talked detecting till the early hours of the morning. What is it about detecting that makes you do it all day long and talk about it the whole night through when you get back from a trip?

We think it's the adventure and excitement of the hobby. A bit like the old gold prospecting days. We can imagine the old 49'ers would have done exactly the same thing i.e. dug the pay dirt all day and then spent the night around the camp fire telling tales of how Old Pete hit the jackpot, etc.

We awoke early the next morning, bleary-eyed and red-faced. The two John's were already awake, packing lunch and cracking jokes. Within half an hour, the sun already hot, Skidmark was blazing a trail to a field full of Roman influence that Mr Goodall had planned for us to search.



*Fig. 3 Elizabeth I half-groat*

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Unfortunately, this field was quite roughly ploughed and very, very dry. It was a big field with several long depressions in it. It was baking hot again and within an hour, with few signals, we were all very weary. Myself, Mo' and John were a long way from home, we had travelled far to be here. These hard facts keep you going when, if you were near home, you would probably pack in and head off home, to sit out in the shade.

### ***Found a lovely groat***

Then, all of a sudden, we could hear JF, hootin' and hollerin'. He had found something,,,, something nice. Sure enough, he's found a lovely groat, probably of Edward III. This spurred us all on with renewed enthusiasm.

By dinner Mo & myself' just had a couple of crotal bells to show for our efforts. These are shown in Fig 4. Many people still say that we find loads of these 'Up North' but the fact is that every time we travel south we start to find crotal bells. We rarely find them when detecting in Cheshire, Lancs or Yorkshire. We were pleased with these two as they both had their clackers. The one on the left, found by Mo', has a beautiful patina.



*Fig. 4 Crotal Bells*

After dinner John decided that we should try another field. This was in the middle of no-where; we had to trudge across several fields to get to it. By late afternoon we all had several grotty Roman bronzes and a couple of broken bits of Roman metalwork, including several fibulas' between us, all broken. Then, Mo' gave me a signal telling me that she had found a Roman silver. I made my way across to look at the denarius of Julia Domna, shown in Fig 5. It was well deserved and very welcome.



*Fig. 5 Roman Denarius of Julia Domna*

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We were all pleased with this find, as between the four of us, two nice finds had now been unearthed during the day. Despite all feeling jaded, we took off again, as the heat slowly died down and the day grew welcomingly cooler. No further finds of any note were made, except for three bags of apples grabbed by Mo' as we passed some apple trees.

That evening was going to be a quiet one, John told us as we drove back home. He planned to take us to a rally run by Ken Wilcox, Anglian NCMD Region rep. Ken, John Goodall and Martin Brunt run the East Coast Searchers. They run many rallies with the intention of attracting non-NCMD members into the fold. We would need an early start. "But, as it's a lovely evening," John told us, "we'll have a Bar-B in the garden and chill-out."

The food was ready when we got back and went down well, as did the couple of bottles of Claret D'Ipswich. John produced a few more bottles and then some more. Slowly the evening turned to night and the night into early morning. That was one helluva good evening.

Somehow we all managed to awake and get dressed, that was the only requisite apart from the drivers who were on autopilot anyway.

We arrived on site, paid our dues, shook hands with acquaintances we'd spoken to by phone and e-mail but had never met and then got our gear and began detecting, once again.

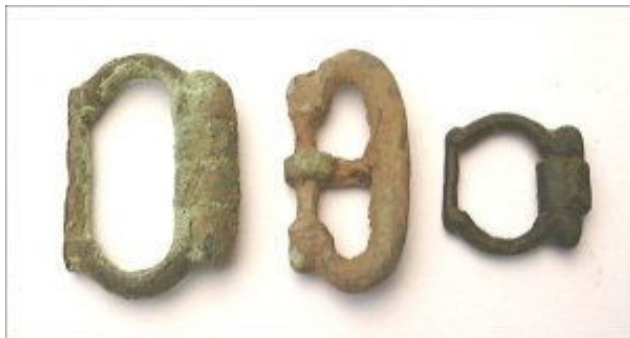
Three fields were available and slowly over the next few hours finds began to appear; "a hammered from over there, someone had a denarius, another hammered from the far corner of that field and a lovely buckle from the middle of that field."

Not a great number of finds for the people present but we accept that as par for the course on such events. The main thing was that everyone was enjoying themselves, money was being raised, the weather was lovely and there was always the chance of a nice find turning up.

Mo and myself' worked the far side of the bigger of the three fields as rumour had it that there used to be several houses at the field edge. By early afternoon most detectorists were gathered by their cars, obviously having dinner or just resting and talking. We had found a lot of modern rubbish and the three buckles shown in Fig 6, the fact that these had turned up encouraged us to stay working this area rather than wander about a field we didn't know anything about.

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*Fig. 6 Three Buckles*

Mo' decided to walk back to the cars, the heat was getting her down and I had to admit that I was weary too. "I'll be with you after a couple more strips," I told her. I trudged on, up and down, occasionally looking up to discover that I was virtually the only person left detecting. As I finished each 200 yard strip I mentally noted how many signals I'd dug, "Two on the previous row, four on this row, one of the signals on the next row is going to be a beauty," I told myself.

Most rows produced a button or two or several Georgian coppers so signals were there. Unknowingly, I trudged on for almost two hours, and then I turned the soil over after a signal and saw a hammered groat.

Wow, what a kick I got from unearthing that coin!! Mo and myself often persevere on fields for one reason or another; sometimes it's just a gut instinct.

My feelings about his field had been proved right even if they had only been in my subconscious and I hadn't aired them to anyone.

The coin is shown in Fig 7 and is a groat of Henry VI First Reign 1422-1461, it is of the Rosette Mascle Issue 1427-1430. It has a fair bit of damage but is still a nice find. I was happy to head off back to Mo' and the van for a rest and some dinner.



*Fig. 7 Henry VI Groat*

When I got back to the car park, I discovered that a potato harvester had come onto the smaller field to gather the remainder of the crop in.

A number of detectorists had got permission from the farmer to pick up the loose potatoes missed by the harvester. Martin Brunt, his wife Jo' and their young lad were picking spuds galore.

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The lad was passing piles to Mo' who was stashing them into every nook and cranny in Skidmark. This was becoming a tradition i.e. coming back from a detecting trip loaded up with a couple of finds and a mass of fruit and veg!

From this venue we said our goodbyes to John and the lads from the East Coast Searchers and intended to make our way to visit Jimmy Sierra and his USA visitors in Norfolk. We had spoken with several of them via e-mail for some time and promised that we'd try to meet them when they were in the UK. A quick phone call however saved us a wasted journey, for they had left for Kent the day before!

### ***One day to spare***

Now that we were not going to meet the lads from the USA we had one day to spare and decided that we would visit a farm in Norfolk, we had been to before. We were there just before dark, after booking J.F. in at a B & B.

We picked John up next morning and were on the fields by mid-morning. We had two fields available to us providing us with plenty of acreage on this last day of detecting.

The weather was beautiful but still stifling hot. We chilled out a lot, had plenty of laughs and did a bit of detecting. It was here that JF found his dagger chape featured in one of his articles last year. It was a lovely find.

After several hours I found the beautiful hammered half-penny shown in Fig 8. It is of Edward II, London mint, 1307-1327. Shortly after, the item shown in Fig 9 came up. We presume this to be an early token or counter and welcome opinions from readers of The Searcher.



*Fig. 8 Hammered half-penny*

Shortly before we packed in to head off on the long journey home, I got a signal which proved to be very difficult to find. I got it in the end after sifting handfuls of soil over and over again.

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*Fig. 9 Jetton?*

It is shown in Fig 10a and 10b. It is a badly clipped half-penny which we believe comes from the reign of Henry VII, it is London mint.



*Fig. 10a Clipped half-penny*



*Fig.10b Clipped half-penny reverse*

We arrived home safely after dropping off poor old JF who was completely knackered. Jaw ache was his chief burden, 'detecting arm' coming a far second.

Joking besides we had a wonderful time and thank John & Kath for their hospitality. The new van Skidmark performed without a hitch and got us to our destination in record time, travelling in the fast lane to give us hammered coins.

Next month we'll tell you about our next trip when one of us got six hammered in two days and a lovely silver buckle was unearthed.

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# This Months Identification

## **Hammered coin ID.....The basics...** **A penny of Edward I** **By Tom Redmayne**

Sometimes, it is good to go back to basics, especially for those who are new to the hobby and struggle to understand some of the jargon when we ID coins on the forum. So, I have written a short ID on a hammered coin and pointed out some of the key points to note. For this I have chosen an Edward I penny of my own to show the basics of identifying these types of coins.

This is the coin in question, and is an Edward I class 10cf3 Canterbury penny.





## This Month's Identification



So where do we start to get to this ID?

Firstly, the coin is 18mm in diameter which suggests it is a penny rather than a halfpenny or farthing.

Next, the reverse shows a solid cross with no space in the centre of the arms and the cross reaches to the outer edge of the coin. This makes it a long-cross coin, and so later than either the voided short cross or voided long cross coins. can discount any of the earlier monarchs.

## This Months Identification

By orienting the coin as it is shown, with the C of CIVI just past 12 o'clock, the reverse legend reads CIVI TAS CAN TOR (City of Canterbury) so the coin is minted in Canterbury.

The style of some of the letters is also important, and the very sinuous, one-piece S in particular, without a fat, egg-shaped middle and not made up of individual crescents and wedges, is a feature of coins in the later classes.

Next, the obverse (bust side) legend reads EDWA R ANGL DNS HYB so there is a pretty big clue that this is a coin of one of the King Edwards.

This legend is actually an abbreviation of:

EDWARDVS REX ANGLORVM DOMINVS HIBERNIE (Edward, King of the English, Lord of Ireland) but would be too big to fit on the coin so we see the shortened version.

The abbreviation of the legend on this coin is used only on Edward I and Edward II coins so that narrows it down some more.

The legend is also important in determining the class of the coin and the one on this coin is only used on rare coins of Edward I class 6b and 8a and, most commonly, on coins of Edward I class 10 and Edward II classes 11 to 13.

So now we have to look at the real detail to narrow down the monarch and the class.

There are certain standard terms used to describe the parts of coins and the picture overleaf shows the more important ones.

# This Month's Identification



For Canterbury pennies of Edward I classes 6b, 8 and 10 and Edward II, the initial mark is the cross pattée as on this coin so that all fits. Now, the crown is very important and generally changes with each class of coin. The outer fleurs are bifoliate, as all pennies from class 10 onwards are.

On the coin above, the ornaments are looking quite ragged and not well-formed. They are meant to be spearheads. The one on the left is particularly misshapen and seems to be hooked slightly towards the central fleur.

This is the clincher, as this particular feature is only seen on the class 10cf3 of Edward I. So, there you have it, every coin has its own set of features that, together, narrow it down to a very specific time and place of manufacture. If only it could tell us the story of the rest of its life!

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# HERITAGE CRIME

## What are heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are, first of all, offences that damage the historic environment – so things like vandalism, graffiti, arson and theft.

## Why should the public care about heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are criminal activities, which can have serious effect on neighbourhoods and society.

Things like arson, graffiti, and criminal damage scar beautiful buildings. Anti-social behaviour such as substance misuse debase the places we live and enjoy visiting; theft and illegal metal detecting take away the physical evidence valuable to our understanding of the past. On top of that, all of these can incur financial loss on property owners.

If heritage crimes are not tackled better we all stand to lose something of our history and well-being.

## How serious are these crimes?

There is **no national statistics on heritage crime** by the police so the true extent is difficult to ascertain. Through our work in the regions and our experience with many sites across the country, we know the crimes are widespread and they tend to be under-reported by victims.

A recent assessment identified that arson, architectural theft, removal of artifacts from protected sites and vehicle nuisance pose the greatest threat.

Illegal metal detecting in Lincolnshire is growing and reported cases are only the tip of the iceberg.

The level of **metal theft** is also of great concern.

- In 2005, there were 84 metal theft claims from churches totalling £325,326. In 2010, this has soared to 1763 claims costing £3,310,488 (data from Ecclesiastical)
- In 2010 Manchester diocese tops the list of metal theft claims with more than 90 claims recorded up to the end of November. It is closely followed by Lincoln, with more than 70 claims

Our understanding of the volume and extent of crime in the historic environment continues to develop. Neighbourhood Policing and local involvement will contribute considerably to gathering intelligence and data on the ground. We will also be developing systems that will allow us to accurately record crimes and ASB and thereby place our resources in the right place at the right time.

**For crimes in progress - call 999**

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Brian and Mo and the team would like to thank and extend a warm welcome to all the new members listed below who have joined UKDN in the last month. Please introduce yourselves so that the members can welcome you aboard and make you feel at home. [Click here to introduce yourself](#)

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UKDN is a forum for people who are interested in the hobby of metal detecting. UKDN is an online community where members can exchange and share knowledge, their views, discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects. UKDN actively works towards the following aims:

1. Develop a greater understanding of the hobby and some of the wider issues through healthy pro-active debate within the forum and through the monthly magazine, which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. The magazine includes UKDN based news and articles, as well as wider news, debate, and issues of heritage interest.
2. Provide a platform to inform beginners in the hobby of the basic principles in the use of a metal detector, gaining permission, site research, basic heritage law, farming scheme rules and in the 'best practice' for conservation, recording and co-operation.
3. Actively promotes the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting' to all members of the UKDN online forum and beyond.
4. Encourage all UKDN detectorists to record their finds with the appropriate bodies (depending where they detect); In England and Wales, this is with the Portable Antiquities Scheme, in Scotland this is the Treasure Trove Unit.
5. UKDN will actively work towards ensuring the future security of the hobby. We will liaise and co-operate with heritage professionals in a way which is mutually beneficial to all parties whilst maintaining our independence, and we encourage their active participation, either in the UKDN online community or through our on-line magazine.