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RNLI.	£75
St. Michael's Hospice.	£75
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Gurkha's Welfare.	£75
Diabetes UK.	£75
Help for Heroes.	£75
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# A Message from Admin

Hi Everyone

For the past few weeks we have seen an improvement in the weather enabling members to get out with their detectors and make the finds we all love to see on the forum. Remember that if your club is going to hold a rally in the next few months then it can be advertised in our Rally section, free of charge.

## ***Freebies section***

Now that the New Year is well under way it might be worth reminding you that we have a Freebies section where you can advertise for a good home for those unwanted bits and pieces you have lying around the house or shed.

We have revamped the UKDN Word magazine and its new format is going down well with all who read it. This new issue keeps that trend of new design and content continuing.

We would like to see more of our members featuring on the front cover and inside the magazine so if you feel you have something worth contributing please contact any member of the Team

## ***UKDN will continue to be a Free-To-Use***

We have just paid the £1000+ fees for the server so we can continue with our promise that UKDN will continue to be a Free-to-Use resource for every single detector user out there. Maybe that's why our membership continues to grow week on week bringing us average daily visitor numbers topping 500 per day on a regular basis.

The best and original metal detecting forum just gets better and better - all down to our loyal staff and membership... :-)



# Coin of the Month

## **Henry III Penny - By Hartsman**

***Hartsman gets out on New Years Eve, ends up in horrendous mud but ends the day well pleased with this find.***



My days off over the Christmas period coincided with the worst weather of the year. It seems that all of the country was suffering, not just us in leafy Hertfordshire. I had not been able to detect for a couple of weeks due to other commitments so I was looking forward to a good few hours over the holidays until the snow & ice put the kibosh on it. Fortunately, after Christmas, a thaw arrived so things started to look up. I had a drive out to the fields on the 30th Dec and they were free from snow and were diggable, so I decided to have a dabble on New Year's eve.

### ***Never yet Detected***

I set off to visit a field near some thatched cottages which I had not yet detected. When I arrived I pulled onto the field and fired up the detector. Almost at once I knew I had made a mistake, the mud was horrendous and stuck in ever increasing volume to my boots and coil.

### ***Rubbish, festive telly***

I managed to get halfway across the field finding part of a crotal bell before I started back to the car. My enthusiasm had nose-dived and I was thinking about going home but the thought of more rubbish festive telly made me think again. I had permission on a field that was still in stubble so I thought that I would give that a try as it was only ten minutes down the road.

The conditions were far better on this field, the stubble was very short in places and longer in others, a bit like a D.I.Y haircut. I began on one edge of the field where the stubble was shortest and made my way steadily and slowly to the other end, it is only a small field of about 8 acres.

### ***A whisper of a signal***

The finds were few and far between and nothing of note had surfaced until I



reached the far corner where I had a whisper of a signal, I dig all of these quiet, soft ones as I have had a couple of sceattas previously. I took out the first spadeful and checked the hole, the signal was still there but now stronger, one more spit and the target was out.

### ***A lovely Surprise***

I picked up the clod, ran it front of the coil and proceeded to divide it in half each time. It got smaller and smaller until I was left with a lump of mud the size of a walnut. It is usually a small button that reveals itself but this time I was lucky and had in my hand a lovely surprise in the shape of a beautiful Henry III penny. I have found a few fractions of Henry III over the years but only one other full flan coin so I was well pleased that I decided against going home to try another field!

***Hartsman Feb 2011***



# **Artifact of the Month**

## ***Medieval Harness Pendant***

***By Martin Newell***

***Martin detects where he played as a child and finds more than memories to treasure***

I decided to have a morning at a local farm I have permission to detect. There was an opportunity to detect a field I had not been on before, so with the usual excitement that comes with some where new I loaded up my usual tools grabbed my GMP and set off. After parking my car I set off on the ten minute walk to reach the field.

### ***Always somewhere to detect***

I have a great affection for the land around this farm, it has an even split between arable and pasture which means there is always somewhere to detect what ever the time of year. It is also a place where I spent countless hours as a little lad walking with my parents, flying kites and taking our dog for walks.

The fact that I can detect here too means so much, I can spend a few hours relaxing with fabulous memories of my childhood that come flashing back whilst every now and again stopping to dig another lost coin or artefact.

### ***as flat as a snooker table***

When I reached the field it looked very promising. The crops had been harvested a long time ago the stubble that remained had been cut very short and most had rotted away leaving a field as flat as a snooker table with very little in the way of foliage. I could get the coil right down on the deck. I switched on the GMP put on my WS2s, air balanced and set off in the hope of good finds to come.

I started at the far side of the field, the ground was very clean and I was able to up my sensitivity and sure enough after a few steps I got my first signal. Even after only a couple of months with the GMP its quite obvious when you find a cartridge but still being a newbie to the machine I tend to dig every signal I get except for the ones with a low iron buzz, I was very surprised when I pulled out the shottie from the ground because it was one of the old pin fire type which I hardly ever find.

### ***I got a lovely signal***

I then continued along the edge of the field and just before reaching the corner I got a lovely signal. The soil at this corner of the field was laying very wet, I took a large spade full of soil out and sitting in the very bottom of the hole I saw something that looked like a greenish sort of cloverleaf.





I picked up the find not realising quite what it was due to the ever clinging mud. I wiped the front and could just see the outline of the badge. I put it in my finds tin for further investigation when I got back home.

I took about another three steps and my mobile phone rang and I was being called back in to work. Cursing my luck I turned and headed back to the car.

I had only been on the field for fifteen minutes, two nice finds and that was that for the day, but the start showed the promise of more to come.

Its strange how things happen though, in December 2009 I had not been detecting for about six weeks because of pressure of work, I was in the adjacent field when without warning it started to snow it was so heavy by the time I had walked back everything was white and it was

nearly a month and a half until the grass was even visible again. So here we are 12 months later and I had not been out for four weeks I had been busy at work again. As I walked back to the car I wondered what the chances were of lightening striking twice so to speak.

So a few days later there it was - deep snow everywhere. I don't know when I will be able to get back to the field. I am very pleased to have my pendant voted artefact of the month and I would like to say thank you to all who took the time to vote. I have given the pendant to the farmer, she has a fantastic history of the farm and has a finds book of coins and unusual items found on it. My local FLO will also have a record of it after the holiday. Best wishes to all and happy detecting in 2011.

***Martin Newell February 2011***



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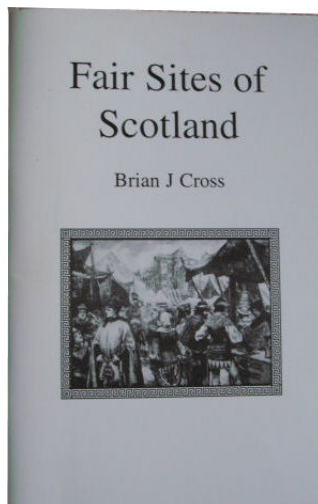
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All the proceeds i.e. £5 from the sale of each book will go to the server costs of UK DETECTOR NET.

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# ***My First Detector***

## ***Tesoro Silver uMax***

### ***by i-eddie***

**M**onths ago, I became involved in the fantastic hobby of metal detecting. The interest has been there for years, so this wasn't exactly an impulse. Having no detector or experience, I spent weeks reading everything I could about the hobby and the various metal detectors that are available. After much deliberation, I came up with a short list of detectors that were within my budget. My plan was to make a final decision and purchase one after the new year.

Then I received a bit of a surprise. Shortly before Christmas, my son let slip that my father-in-law was getting me a metal detector for Christmas. Great news, but I hadn't shared my wish-list of detectors with him. So even though I knew I was getting a detector for Christmas, I still had a lot of anticipation waiting to find out which detector it would turn out to be.

At this point, I'll cut out the non-essential story-telling (lest I lose my audience). What I unwrapped on Christmas day was a brand-new Tesoro Silver  $\mu$ Max (Micro Max). It wasn't one of the detectors on my list, but I knew the brand to be well-respected so I'm very pleased and looking forward to giving it a go.

And now, on to the unboxing...

#### **The Box**

The box is very non-descript with only the brand name and logo used as decoration. No full-colour images or flashy colours all over it. The plain box looks much more professional, in my opinion. But then again, it's just the box.



## What's Inside



Opening the box was even better than unwrapping it -- this would be my first glimpse at my new metal detector. The pieces of the detector were sturdily packed in cardboard, which means there was little worry that anything was jostled about as it was shipped. Here is a list of the contents:





- Handle with control box attached
- Upper rod
- Lower rod
- Search coil
- Zip-top plastic bag containing:
  - Instruction manual
  - 9v battery
  - Warranty information
  - Bumper sticker

## Assembly



The detector came in four pieces: handle with control box, upper rod, lower rod, and search coil. Putting it together was a snap and only took about one minute. The instruction manual provides good, easy-to-follow assembly directions, but it's so straight-forward, you hardly need them. My only complaint with the assembly is that the nut/bolt connecting the search coil to the rod is right next to the cable. Makes it a little awkward to tighten the nut/bolt there.

The materials and build quality of the detector are first-rate. Everything about the detector feels solid and well-made; nothing about it seems cheap or flimsy. And even with its solid feel, it is extremely light; I predict I'll have no problems at all swinging this all day.

For storing and transporting, this detector breaks down and re-assembles quickly and easily. It really doesn't get much easier.

## Review

After waiting out the weather and a nasty bout of flu, last Saturday I finally had a chance to take my new Tesoro Silver μMax out for a trial run. And if my wife says anything about me running around inside the house with it, pretending to detect, don't listen to her. I was, uh, testing the weight and balance and trying out

different swing speeds. And I certainly wasn't pretending to dig a signal in the kitchen floor; I was tying my shoe (nevermind that I wasn't wearing shoes...).

Here are my observations after a few hours of use out in the garden.

## The Metal Detector



First, I'll go over the detector itself. The control box is small and very simple, with only three controls: mode switch, discriminate dial, and sensitivity dial. There is a built-in speaker on the front and a headphone jack on the back. It seems like the headphone jack location isn't terribly convenient, but most headphones I would use have a long cable, so I don't think it will be too much of a bother.

There's no display on the control box. From everything I've been reading, this would put some detectorists off using it. It put me off, initially, but in the end it's probably better for me that it doesn't have a display; I'm fairly certain it would be more of a distraction to me.

Something else that's missing that most modern detectors have: pinpoint mode. This put me off, as well, but the instruction manual describes how to "X" a spot to pinpoint. I suppose most of you reading this are well familiar with "X-ing" a spot to pinpoint, but I was skeptical about its effectiveness.

I like the position and configuration of the control box. The switch and dials are easily reached and manipulated with the thumb of the hand holding the grip.





## Putting it to work

(Apologies -- I didn't get any photos while we were out in the garden.)

I already had the detector assembled and ready to go. First, I had a final look through the instruction manual to determine what settings to start with. Even though there are only a couple of controls, I wasn't sure what I should have the dials set to. There's a "discriminate" mode and an "all metal" mode. Then there's a dial for adjusting discrimination settings and the other dial for adjusting sensitivity.

In the end, I just decided to run in "all metal" with the sensitivity set to 7 (anything above 7 gave me too much chatter).

I was planning on using headphones, but having my son out with me to share the fun meant it'd be a much better idea to just use the speaker. So, I can't comment (yet) on how it is with headphones, but the speaker works quite well: loud and very clear tones. Volume control would be nice, but it's certainly not something I felt "must" be there.

As for the weight, swinging the Silver  $\mu$ Max for a few hours was a breeze. It weighs next to nothing and feels very well-balanced in my hand.

Once I got out into the garden, the moment quickly arrived where I got a signal and needed to pinpoint before starting to dig. Without a pinpoint mode, I "X-ed" the spot as a means to pinpoint. I have to say, it was more straightforward than I expected, and it worked brilliantly. Every time I got a signal, I had no problem pinpointing using this method. I'm quite pleased with that!

As you may have guessed from that last bit, the detector was picking up signals. Lots and lots of signals. Safe to say that the thing works.

## The Results



The photo here is representative of all the rubbish I found. That's all I managed to find: rubbish. And a lot of it.

And I'm honestly not disappointed by that. (Well, maybe a little.)

Finding all that rubbish tells me that the detector works; it did great at finding all sizes of items and seems to have very good depth. The only problem was that I was detecting in the back garden, which used to be a small 18th century rock quarry. It's covered with grass now, but the grass is fairly recent, and the dirt backfill I fully expect to be littered with all sorts of rubbish. I probably spent more time digging than I did actually swinging the detector. Despite that, I still plan to go completely over the garden and clear out the rubbish when I have small amounts of free time, but I have permission on some great pastures nearby (and there's a river running through them), so I expect to come across some interesting finds eventually.

Just for reference, most of what I found was 3-6 inches down. The staple in the photo, though, was a good 15 inches -- and it gave a clear double-beep as a signal.

After spending a few quality hours, I have come to the conclusion that using this detector is great fun; it's easy to set up, easy to use, and lightweight. So far, it seems to do the job quite well -- just waiting to put it to work on a good location!

***i-eddie February 2011***







# Did you See

With almost 500 members visiting every single day and 100's of new posts every day it is so easy for you, the members of UKDN, to miss out on some very interesting posts. So, each month in the magazine we will bring to your attention some posts that you might have missed like.....

## **Your favourite pet pics...**

I know lots of us have pets and wondered what your favourite picture of them is. I will start off with a couple of my favourite ones. First we have the dancing dog and then fat cat! Needless to say the woodburner is just behind the cat.

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**Kings head strap clasps & buckles - [\*Click Here\*](#)**

**Your ideal 'Metal Detecting' Partner!! some interesting ones - [\*Click Here\*](#)**

**The mighty Americans! Worth a quick look - [\*Click Here\*](#)**

**What did Santa Bring You? some cracking answers in this one - [\*Click Here\*](#)**

**The Billy and Charley Affair - very interesting !! - [\*Click Here\*](#)**

**All these birds falling from the sky? very topical - [\*Click Here\*](#)**

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# ***UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION***



***Photograph of the Month Winner DSLR  
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Robin  
Canon 60D, 100-400 IS telephoto***



# ***UKDN Fun Point Press and Pray - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION***



***Photograph of the Month Winner  
Point, Press and Pray  
Bazza  
Santa Special - Fuji Finepix s5500***

# This Months Identification

## ***TWO PENNIES OF EDWARD I***

**F**ollowing on from last month's identification, we have another couple of Edward I silver pennies to have a look at this month. Both coins were found by UKDN member, damo 12 in early January and he has been generous enough to let me use them to explain some more of the features that can help identify a coin's class and mint.

Let me start by again showing some of the terms used in describing coins of this period.





The first coin I will look at this month is an Edward I penny of class 4e, London mint.



So, as last month, how do we get to this ID?

Firstly, the coin is, again, about 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. As we saw last month, this makes it a long-cross coin, introduced on the coins of Edward I so we know it is Edward I or later

The reverse legend reads CIVITAS LONDON (City of London) so the coin is minted in London.

The obverse of the coin is slightly different to the penny shown in January and reads:

EDWR ANGL DNS HYB

The difference is that Edward is shortened here to EDWR whereas it was EDWAR in the class 10cf3 coin last month. It is still a contraction of EDWARDVS REX ANGLORVM DOMINVS HIBERNIE, but this version is only seen on pennies of Edward I classes 1d to 9c.

Well that defines it as an Edward I penny, but there are a lot of subtly different coins of his between classes 1d and 9c.

This coin, however, has a very distinctive feature that narrows it down to just one class. The three small pellets on the neck, where the drapery meets, are only seen on coins of class 4e.

So, on to the next one which is also an Edward I penny, but this time class 9b2 and Bristol mint.







We can apply much of what we did to the previous coin to this one as well. It is a long cross coin about 18mm diameter, so definitely a penny, and the obverse legend, although partly worn, reads EDWR at the beginning so between classes 1d and 9c again and Edward I.

It has a similar crown with trifoliate side fleurons, although they are a different shape and I will come back to that later.

Here the similarities really end.

You will see that this coin does not say CIVITAS LONDON on the reverse. This legend reads VILL BRI STO LIE (a shortened version of VILLA BRISTOLLIE, Town of Bristol), so it is a coin minted in Bristol.

The Bristol pennies of Edward I only occur in classes 2b, 3b, 3cd, 3e, 3f, 3g and 9b.

This particular shortening of the legend is only found on the class 9b pennies.

So we now have a class 9b Bristol penny of Edward I. Can we go any further?

The answer is, yes we can. If this coin had been a more common London penny, we could still have pinned it down to a class 9b penny by other features. Firstly, the letter N on most Edward I coins appears quite normal, as we would write a capital N. Sometimes the crossbar is the other way around or missing altogether, but the shape

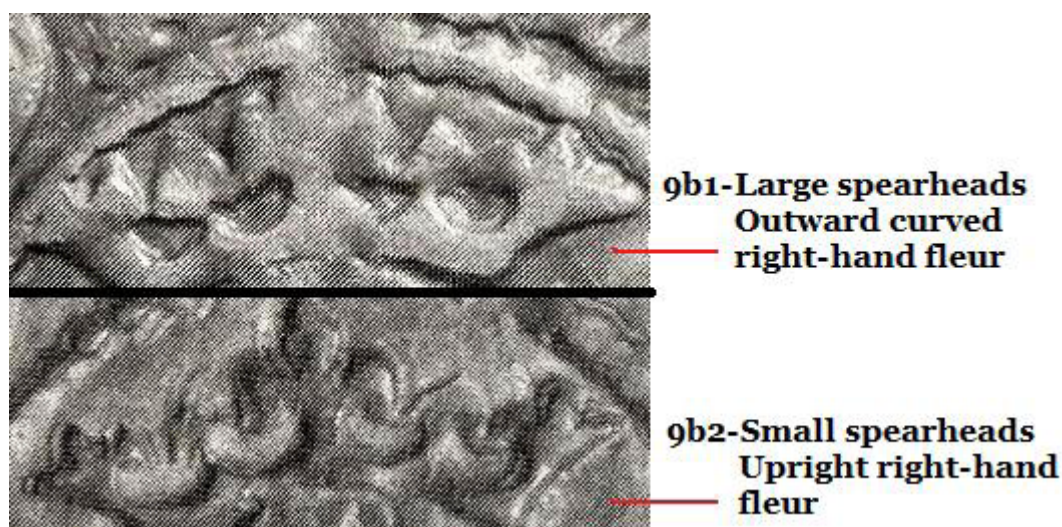
remains generally the same. There is one type of N, however, that is very distinctive and only appears on these class 9b pennies. It is called a pot-hooked N and looks like this.



As you will see, this coin of damo 12's has this pot-hooked N; you can see it in EDWR ANGL on the obverse of the coin.

Another distinguishing feature is the star on the neck, in the same place that we saw the pellets on the 4e coin, just where the drapery meets. This star occurs on classes 9a and 9b pennies so, along with the N, would have given us a class 9b identification.

There is one more thing. Class 9b pennies are further sub-divided into 9b1 and 9b2 on the basis of the shape of the crown, in particular the size of the ornaments and the shape of the right fleur. The 9b2 crown has smaller spearheads as ornaments and the right fleur is a lot straighter and more upright.



The smaller spearheads and the upright right fleur show that damo 12's penny is a class 9b2.

And there we have it, two more pennies of Edward I, and a few more pointers to, hopefully, help you ID your own.

**Tom Redmayne Jan 2011**



**The South-Lancs & Cheshire Metal Detecting Club** has been in existence since September 1978 and for a long period in the 1980's and 1990's the club newsletter was written by both Brian Cross and John Fargher. The front covers were designed by Dave Berry, club member and resident artist. The newsletter front cover became a classic of good humour, hobby relevance and fine design and each month the club members looked forward to what Dave was going to put on the cover. Many club members could see themselves captured by Dave and featured on the cover, Brian & Mo' for example, courting at the time, often saw themselves below a heart carved in a tree or Brian would be featured wearing Wellingtons on the end of suspenders.

Dave has kindly given us permission to feature some of the classic covers and for this we thank him. Here's another classic from Dave Berry, dating from June 1986.

Cover Explanation: Need we say more... Brian Cross, Club Secretary of the S.L & Cheshire MD Club, was a larger-than-life figure at the big National metal detecting rallies held by his club. Often dressed up, as most of the SL & C members were, somehow Brian always seemed to end up wearing stockings and suspenders, a silly outfit or a simple dress. This club newsletter cover is Dave's take on it :-)



# COIN OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS

Its that time of the year again when we have voted for what we consider to have been the best Coin submitted to our monthly competitions. Below are the entrants from each month, all fabulous coins and on the page opposite we feature the coin that you all felt was the best coin i.e. UKDN Coin of the Year 2010. There is no entrant for the month of June as the person who won that month is banned from the forum and there were no other entrants.



January - Saxon  
Sceat series H  
found by Ossie



February - Henry  
VIII Angel found by  
Steven.bancroft1



March - William I  
penny found  
by Dicktec



April - Edward the  
Martyr penny  
found by  
Dave Larner



May - Edward the  
Confessor penny  
found by Chris Hall



July - Henry V Groat  
found by Pegasus



August - Saxon  
Porcupine Sceatta  
found by Tinner



September -  
Edward III Quarter  
Noble found by Liz





October (Joint Winners)  
Aethelred Lincoln Mint  
Penny found by Ange  
and Cnut York Mint  
penny - found  
by Chris Hall



November  
Edward III Noble  
found by StuE



December  
Henry III penny  
found by Hartsman



## UKDN COIN OF THE YEAR 2010

It was Saturday 24th April, a mate of mine called me out of the blue to ask me if I was going on a local club dig and if I was would I take him along as a guest (not even knowing there was a dig on) I said yes and he arranged to pick me up at 8.30 Sunday morning.



After 3 hours of detecting with nothing coming up I decided to call a farmer whose farm is only a few miles away in Nottinghamshire and asked him if we were ok to have a few hours on the pasture field I had been on a few weeks previous and he said yes no problem.

Well I walked on the field crossing it diagonally and after about 10 minutes I got my first signal, it was quite a strong signal so I shoved the spade in to the ground as deep as I could get it and removed a perfect plug of turf.

### ***Signal had disappeared***

I waved the detector over the hole to check to see if I had removed the item but the signal was still in the hole so I went deeper in the hole with the spade and removed the soil then waved the detector over the hole again and the signal had disappeared, so I checked the soil I had removed and still there was no signal. I was just about to leave the item as

I was starting to think that maybe it was an iron ring which was buried just a little deeper (sometimes with Minelab detectors you will pick an iron ring up at a very good depth but when you dig nearer to it, it disappears).

In the back of my mind I thought it could be in the side of the hole so I took another couple of inches out of the side and I couldn't believe my eyes when this coin appeared - Edward the Martyr, this is one of the best days detecting I've had as I also found a Saxon strap-end and a Jew's harp among other things. This is a field that I wasn't going to go back to! Never write a field off. David Larner

# ARTEFACT OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS

Its that time of the year again when we have voted for what we consider to have been the best Artefact submitted to our monthly competitions. Below are the entrants from each month, all fabulous artefacts and on the page opposite we feature the find that you all felt was the best artefact i.e. UKDN Artefact of the Year 2010.



January - Roman  
Dragonesque brooch  
found by Roto-op



February  
Medieval Merchant Seal  
Ring found by Karv



March - Saxon  
Penannular brooch  
found by Donnydave



April (Joint winners)  
Saxon bronze pin  
found by Donnydave  
and Silver Roman  
Brooch found by WD



May (Joint winners)  
17th century spur found  
by Padge and 1st cen-  
tury miniture votive  
axe found by Tinner



June - Late Roman  
buckle found by Tinner



July - Saxon gold  
Bracteate found  
by Jammeygit





August Gold  
Dragon brooch  
found by  
Donnydave



September - Bronze Age  
spearhead found by Ange



October - Roman  
Umbonate brooch  
found by Tinner



November - Saxon  
Silver Sword Ring  
found by Bryan162  
and December  
Medieval Harness  
Pendant found by  
Martin Newell



## UKDN ARTEFACT OF THE YEAR 2010

***Found by By jammeygit (Chris Bursnall)***

On Monday 12th of July I had a call from my detecting partner Kev telling me that one of the farmers who's land we detect had just harvested some of his barley fields, so I called at the field on the Tuesday to see how long the stubble was and it was short, perfect for detecting.

### ***A club site for over 30 years***

The field in question has been a club site for over 30 yrs and two club/charity rallies have been held on it close to a DMV.

I got to the field at about 7.45am on the Wednesday, the field is about 200 metres long running down to a stream. I went to the top/middle of the field and started to detect with the XP Deus in GM Power mode, heading down to the stream. I had done two full down and up lengths of the field and had a few bits of lead and a fragment of a roman brooch. On the next lap, three quarters of the way down I got a good signal showing 55 on the Deus display. I removed a clod of soil and in the clod I could see a gold disc just sticking out. My first thought was gold tin foil or

bottle top, but then as I bent down to pick it up, I could see some pattern on it and the suspension loop and that's when I knew I'd found a Saxon gold pendant!

### ***late 5th century gold***

When I got home I gave it a quick wash and started to go through my books and searched the Internet but could not find anything similar. I sent a picture to the FLO that I record my finds with and got a phone call the next day from her asking if I could take it to her to photo/record. So the following Tuesday I took it to her, she told me it was a called a bracteate and it was the first she had seen. She sent a email to the BM to which I got a email back a couple of days later explaining it was a late 5th century gold type A-bracteate, one of only six known and this one is a new type.

The bracteate was taken to the BM on the 16th of August and declared treasure and hopefully when its gone through the treasure act will go on display at my local museum in Melton Mowbray.

Chris Bursnall

# ***Best News Stories from January 2011***

## **Staffordshire Hoard to go on Tour**

Glittering items from the world's largest find of Anglo Saxon gold are set to tour Staffordshire this summer.

Exciting plans that will see a touring exhibition of star items from the Staffordshire Hoard visit venues across Staffordshire this summer are in the final stages of preparation. The exhibition, which is set to visit Stafford's Shire Hall, Lichfield Cathedral and Tamworth Castle between July and September, will be a fitting way to thank the thousands of local people who donated money to help save the Staffordshire Hoard for the nation.

Read more [\*Here\*](#)

## **2.8kg nugget of gold could fetch up to £260k at auction**

A nugget of gold weighing some 2.8kg (6lb 4oz) and could fetch up to £260,000 when it is put up for auction in March.

Read more: [\*Here\*](#)

## ***Cumbrian man unearths Roman treasures***

An amateur sleuth with a metal detector has uncovered the haul of a lifetime in a Cumbrian field.

John Murray, 66, was amazed to find 308 Roman coins, some thought to be nearly 2,000 years old. The hoard was concealed in a smashed pot a few feet below the ground at Beckfoot, near Silloth.

Read more [\*Here\*](#)

## **Thanet road dig uncovers 5,000 years of Kent history**

Thousands of artefacts from the past 5,000 years have been found during a dig along the route of a new road in Kent.

Read More [\*Here\*](#)

## **Coins stash is declared as treasure**

A HOARD of Roman coins discovered by a metal detecting club have been declared as treasure.

Read More [\*Here\*](#)



# **Welcome to new Members**

## **By PhilD**



The UKDN would like to say welcome aboard to all new members, particularly those who have just got detectors and will be actively getting stuck into this fascinating hobby, we wish you every success and many happy hours of detecting, getting engrossed in history and posting on the forum where we hope you will all make new friends.

Please feel free to get involved in discussions and post up your finds for identification, our Finds Advisers are very good and help take some of the pressure off the FLO's.

As you may know UKDN prides it's self on promoting responsible detecting and would like to take this opportunity to point newcomers to the hobby in the right direction by flagging up the following useful web links.

### **New detecting rules apply to land operating on the latest Countryside Stewardship Schemes (CSS)**

***CSS Map (click on map 6 times)***

***ELS & HLS Handbooks PDF's***

### **Beaches**

Permission is easy to get by obtaining a permit online (takes 5 minutes) from the Crown Estates, this is a free service, thanks to negotiations between the NCMD and the Crown Estates for making this available.

### ***Beach Permit***

Note that no beaches in Cornwall require the permit referred to, as none come under the control of the Crown Estates Office.

Cornwall's beaches are, in general owned by the Duchy, with a few being privately owned. The Duchy ones you can detect on, without a permit, at present.

The privately owned ones, you will need to gain permission from the owner, to detect on them.

Also, bear in mind that, the entire coastline land is under the control of the National Trust, and as such beaches from the high water mark are likewise controlled by them. However, they do not tend to take any action regarding detecting as long as people follow the codes of practice, when doing so, but, do not stray onto the land.

### **No go areas**

Note that all land is owned by someone and to detect there legally permission is needed (preferably in writing) from the Landowner.

None of us want to stray onto Scheduled Ancient Monuments or Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SAM's or SSSI's) where detecting without permission is not allowed, the Magic site has a very useful interactive map that allows us to closely define the boundaries of such sites so we don't stray into the wrong area and get into trouble. The map can be set up by yourself to show a variety of topics.

### ***Magic Website Home Page New URL***

***SAM's & SSSI's*** (click on map 4 times)

### **Responsible Detecting Code of Practice**

This document has been agreed between the NCMD and Archaeological Parties as best voluntary practice for the hobby to follow, UKDN urges it's members to follow it.

### ***Responsible Detecting Code of Practice***

### **Recording of finds**

This is of paramount importance to the hobby and the public in general, the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) was set up specifically to do this at no cost to the detectorist so please take advantage of the scheme and record the provenance of your finds for the benefit of future generations. Thanks to their outreach and co operation of metal dectorists, the PAS is the largest Community Archaeology Project the country has ever seen.

### ***Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)***

### ***Advice for finders of archaeological objects***

### ***Self Recording with PAS***

### **Recovery of finds of significant archaeological importance**

All such finds need to be excavated in such a way as to allow a complete record of their provenance to be expertly recorded, so if you come across such a find, immediately inform the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) at your local Museum who will see that recovery and recording is done in the correct manner. Example as follows;

### ***Frome Hoard***

### ***Frome Hoard has been valued***

### ***Frome Hoard Geo Phys***

### ***Frome Hoard - Anna hoard of hoards***

### ***Frome Hoard - Katie the phone call***

### ***Frome Hoard - Day 1 (Anna)***

### ***Frome Hoard - Day 1 - Katie***



## ***Frome Hoard - Day 2***

## ***Frome Hoard - Day 3 - Anna***

## ***Frome Hoard - Day 3 - Katie***

## **UKDN Welcome Pack**

Some more useful web links here in our welcome pack for new members

## ***UKDN Welcome Pack***

Have a great year, PhilD.



# About us

UK DETECTOR NET was created on September 28th 2002 to bring together responsible metal detectorists everywhere to discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects.

## **Visit the forum**

[\*Click here to visit forum\*](#)

## **Contact UKDN**

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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact either UKDN as above, PhilD via PM, or Corinne Mills at [\*Corinne.mills@ourpasthistory.com\*](mailto:Corinne.mills@ourpasthistory.com)

## **UKDN aims**

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.