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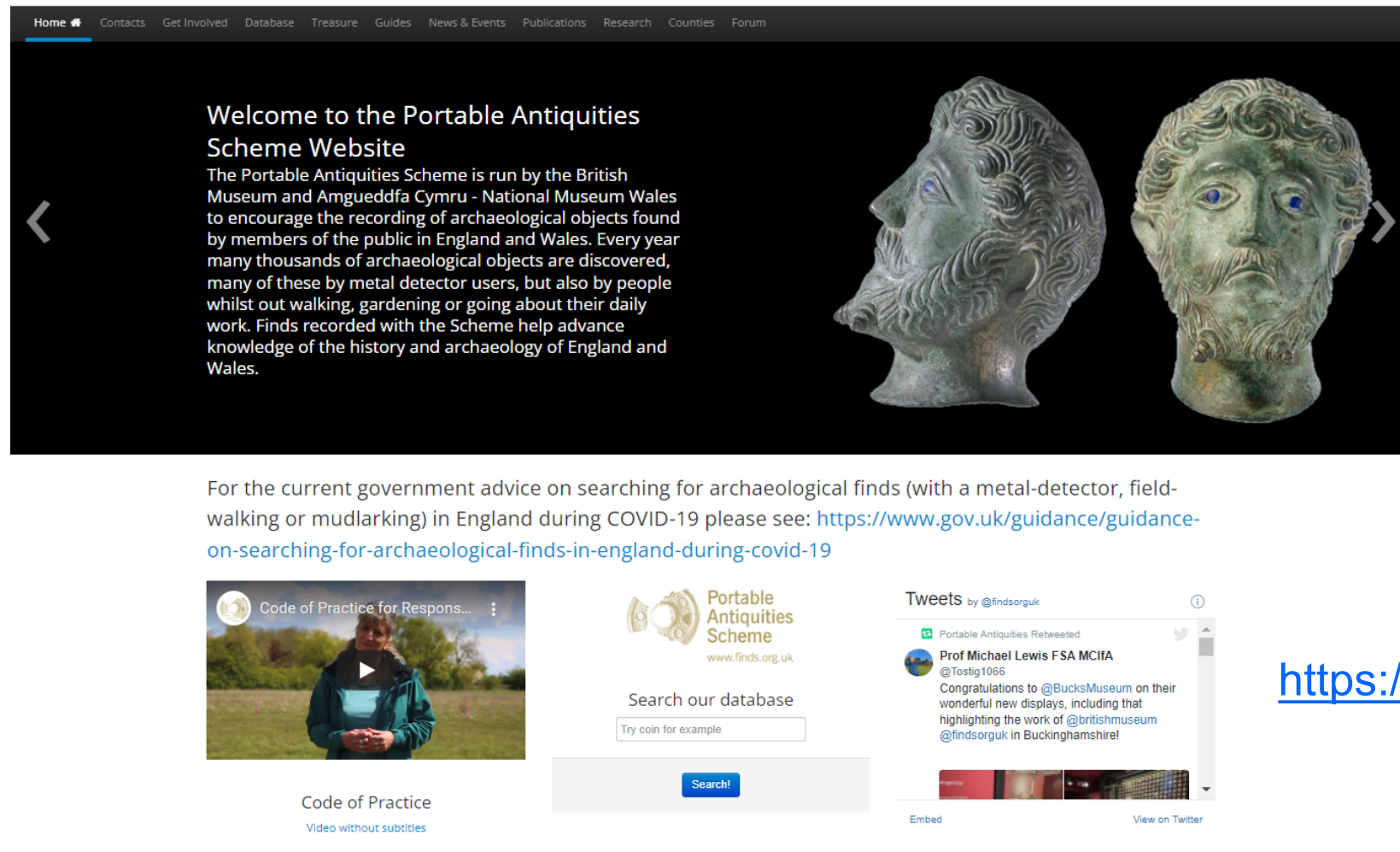
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The PAS and Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs)

• Recording objects that otherwise would be lost, or known only to the finder

• Advising on best practice including legal requirements and conservation

• Explaining about archaeological context and how this helps research into our past

• Facilitating public participation in archaeology, and advancing understanding of our heritage

• Acting as a key contact when treasure is found – and helping museums acquire it

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The PAS database

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PAS records

← BH-464B32 : Medieval coin   NMS-467327 : Medieval coin →

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KEY (LOCKING)
Unique ID: BERK-465D07

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Awaiting validation 🚩

A complete Roman copper alloy key. The object is intact
and in good condition. It consists of a circular loop ovate
in cross section. The loop is attached to a rectangular
shaped and cross-sectioned shaft which has a raised collar
at each end on three sides, the last, reverse side is
completely flat. Projecting from one narrow end is the keys
short shaft, which is also rectangular in section. The bit is
rectangular in form and cross section and sits on a short
plate aligned at a right angle to the shaft and
projecting outwards on the rear side. The bit itself is
divided into six projections by four deep recesses, these
are arranged in two rows of three and they point towards
the keys front face.

Notes:

See LEIC-1C4B92 for similar

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN
Period from: ROMAN ⓘ 🔍
Period to: ROMAN ⓘ 🔍

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 37 mm
Width: 16.7 mm
Thickness: 9.1 mm

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BRACELET
Unique ID: BERK-A5FFE5

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published 🟩

Date
Middle Bronze Age, c.1300-1100BC.

Description
The find comprises a double-strand, twisted gold wire
ornament with plain loop terminals, coiled and threaded
with four double composite rings and one single ring all of
c-shaped cross section. One of these was found separately
and reattached to the ornament by the finder.

Dimensions
Rings
1. Composite ring. Diameter: 15.92mm; max width
9.01mm.
2. Composite ring. Diameter: 16mm; max width: 7.25mm.
3. Single ring. 15.57mm; max width 4.6mm.
4. Composite ring. Diameter: 13.4mm; width: 5.51mm.
5. Composite ring. Diameter: 11.44mm; width: 5.51mm.

The twisted ornament has an approximate uncoiled length
of 97mm.

Total weight 18.8 grams.

Another example of a gold bracelet threaded with
pennannular rings was recorded from northeast Norfolk
(Treasure Annual Report 2004, p22 No.6), and both single
and composite rings have been recorded separately by the
PAS (e.g. IOW-1F5D46). It is unclear if the differing ring size
has any significance; their location on the bracelet cannot
be used for any interpretation as one of the rings was
found separately and reattached to the bracelet by the
finder.

Discussion
Composite rings have been found singly and associated
with other gold personal ornaments. They may also be
found linked together. In Britain they may be dated by
association to the Middle Bronze Age. In common with
some other gold ornament types they are also found in
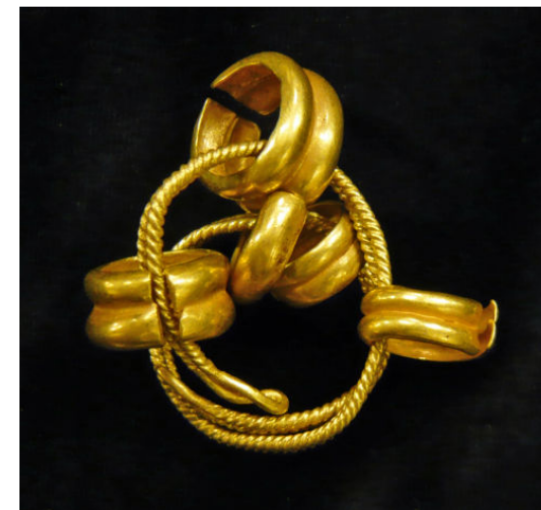
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PAS in Berkshire

- ❑ PAS started in 1997 in response to the 1996 Treasure Act

- ❑ Berkshire own FLO since 2018

- ❑ 7000+ finds from West Berkshire

- ❑ 10,000+ finds from the county

Where is Berkshire?
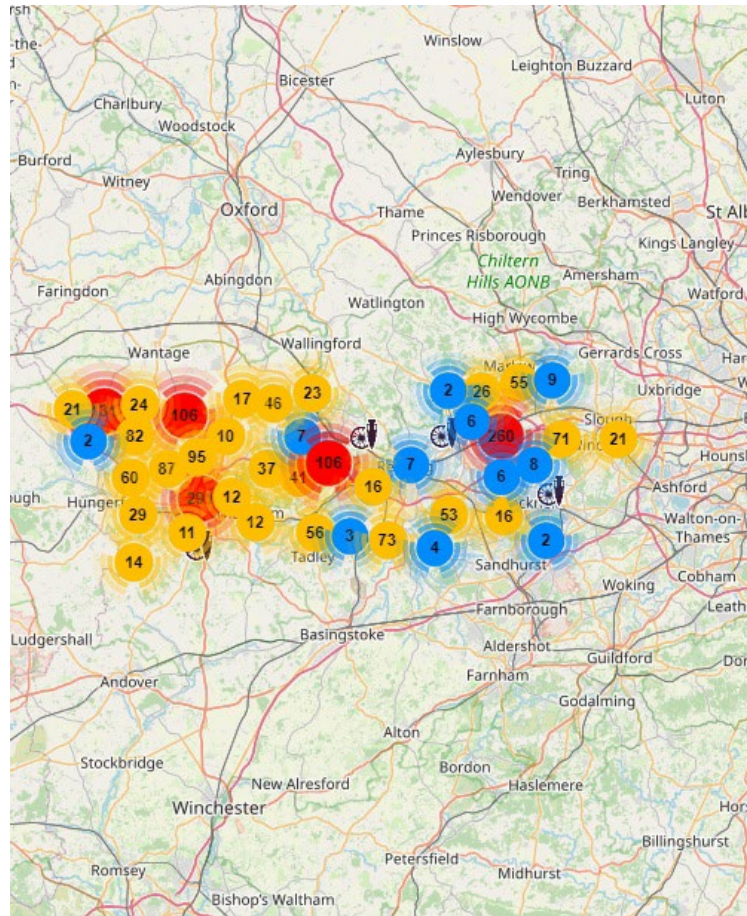
PAS in Berkshire

Period	Number	Coins	%
Palaeolithic	25	/	/
Mesolithic	68	/	/
Neolithic	119	/	/
Bronze Age	126	/	/
Iron Age	648	507	78.2
Roman	5754	4858	84.4
Early Medieval	319	45	14.1
Medieval	1897	772	40.6
Post-Medieval	2592	785	30.2
Modern	61	11	18

Bronze Age

- KENT-F1AF54

- c.2050-1700 BC

- Flat axehead

Bronze Age/Iron Age

- BERK-977049

- c.1150-800 BC

- Awl

- Uncertain function, quite worn

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Iron Age

- ❑ SUR-8C5345

- ❑ Southern Region/Regni
  60-20 BC

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Iron Age

- BERK-76B79D

- Completely unknown

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Roman

- ❑ BERK-3F1F0D

- ❑ Crossbow brooch

- ❑ 4th century

- ❑ Official associations

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Roman

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Roman

- ❑ **BERK-EB0C6B**

- ❑ Cn. Cornelius Blasio dating to 112-111 BC

- ❑ **Juno and Minerva**

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Early Medieval

- HAMP-C2C9E1

- Small long brooch

- 5th – 6th centuries AD

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Early Medieval

- BERK-A7A6C1

- Sword pommel

- 10th – 11th centuries AD

Medieval

- BERK-972ADC

- Heraldic pendant

- Not linked to any family

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Medieval

- SUR-8CC0CD

- Seal of William....

- Location or profession unknown

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Medieval

- BERK-C07557

- Pseudo-religious?

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Post-Medieval

- BERK-40D5C3

- 'Snake' buckle

- Long use since the 16th century

Post-Medieval

- BERK-FDE88E

- Local trade tokens

- MICHAEL WILLIAMS / HIS HALFE PENY / OF WANTINGE DIER 1669 /

- The Dyers' Arms

Recording with the PAS

❑ Email philip.smither1@westberks.gov.uk

❑ Contact your local FLO https://finds.org.uk/contacts

❑ Anything over 300 years old (some younger)

❑ Treasure https://finds.org.uk/treasure

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❑ Outreach

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