

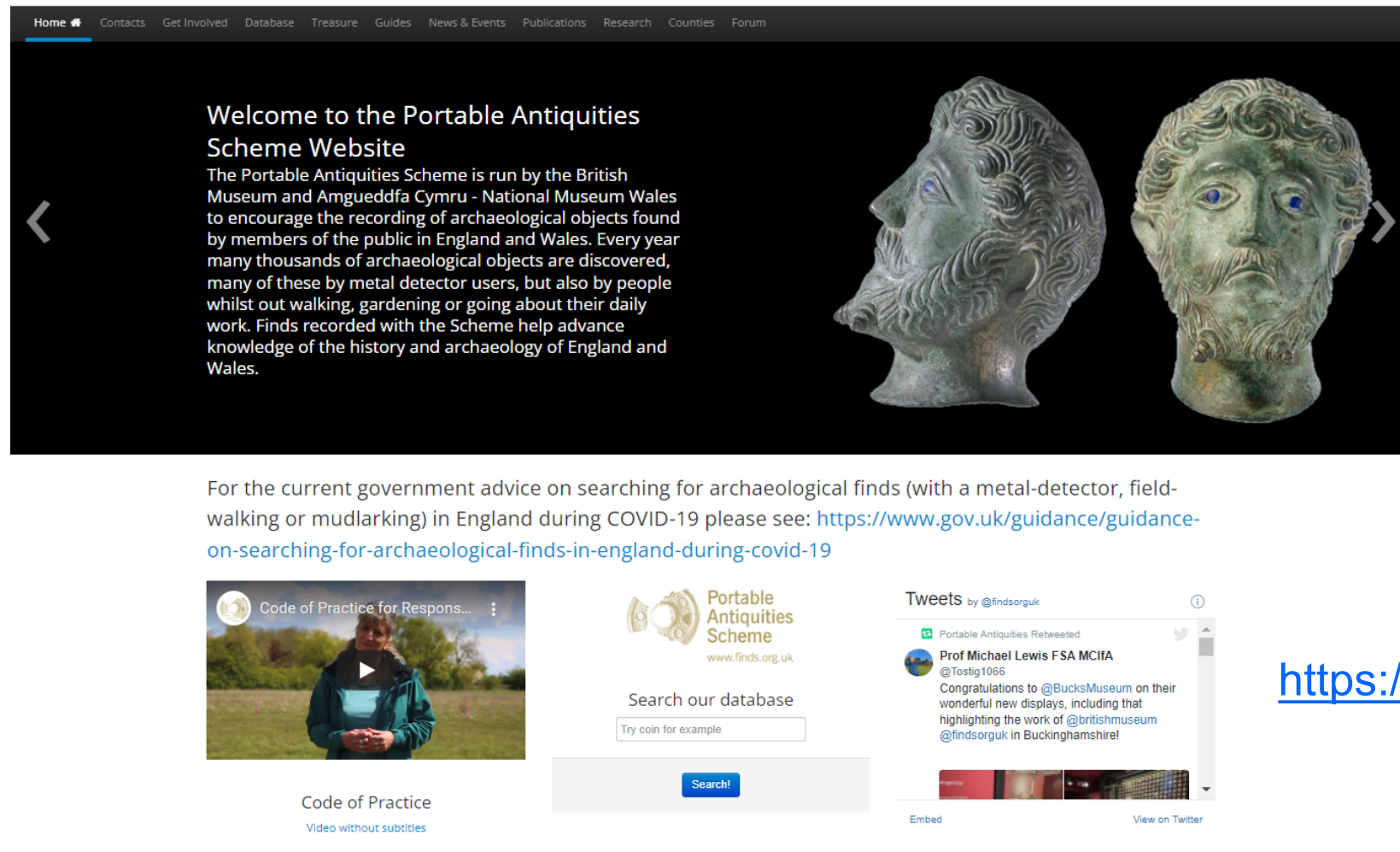
PAS in Bucklebury

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The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Contacts, Get Involved, Database, Treasure, Guides, News & Events, Publications, Research, Counties, and Forum. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Welcome to the Portable Antiquities Scheme Website" and a description of the scheme's purpose. To the right of the text are two images of ancient bronze busts. Below the banner, there is a section for COVID-19 guidance, a video player for the "Code of Practice for Respondents", a search bar for the database, and a section for tweets from @findsorguk. The URL <https://finds.org.uk/> is displayed to the right of the screenshot.

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Welcome to the Portable Antiquities Scheme Website

The Portable Antiquities Scheme is run by the British Museum and Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales to encourage the recording of archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales. Every year many thousands of archaeological objects are discovered, many of these by metal detector users, but also by people whilst out walking, gardening or going about their daily work. Finds recorded with the Scheme help advance knowledge of the history and archaeology of England and Wales.

For the current government advice on searching for archaeological finds (with a metal-detector, field-walking or mudlarking) in England during COVID-19 please see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-on-searching-for-archaeological-finds-in-england-during-covid-19>

Code of Practice for Respondents

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Search our database

Try coin for example

Search!

Tweets by @findsorguk

Portable Antiquities Retweeted

Prof Michael Lewis FSA MCIFA
@Tostig1066
Congratulations to @BucksMuseum on their wonderful new displays, including that highlighting the work of @britishmuseum @findsorguk in Buckinghamshire!

<https://finds.org.uk/>

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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Advanced search the database

This form allows you to perform some more advanced database searches. More specific numismatic searching can be affected from period specific forms.

Main details:

Find number:

Object type:

Object description contains:

Notes:

Find of Note: ☐

Reason for noteworthy status:

Treasure find: ☐

Treasure ID number:

Rally find: ☐

Found at this rally:

Workflow stage:

Other reference:

SMR reference:


Primary material:

Manufacture method:

Surface Treatment:

Dates and periods:

<https://finds.org.uk/database/search/advanced>

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You searched for:

- County: West Berkshire

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Record ID: SUR-C884C4
Object type: STRAP FITTING
Broad period: ROMAN
County: West Berkshire
Workflow stage: Published

An elaborate cast copper-alloy Roman strap-fitting, the female part of a 'bar-and-keyhole' strap fastener, probably from horse harness. The object is 34.3mm in length and 15.5mm in width and has a shouldered trilobed frame with keyhole shaped aperture, with a trefoil knob at the terminal and flanking curled knobs to the sides. The rear end has a single rounded loop for a hinge pin mounted on a rectangular bar or collar decorated with a transverse strip of silver inlay, flanked by moulded ridges on the copper alloy body. The silver inlay strip is divided with ...

Created on: Thursday 24th March 2022
Last updated: Monday 28th March 2022
Spatial data recorded.

Record ID: BERK-C87682
Object type: BOOK FITTING
Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL
County: West Berkshire
Workflow stage: Awaiting validation

A probable copper-alloy gilt book clasp of Post-Medieval date. The object is sub-rectangular with straight sides and one pointed end. The straight end has two unevenly spaced circular holes. The object still has patches of gilding. There is a raised decoration like a fish tale. The surface has the impression of parallel, linear decoration.

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Last updated: Thursday 24th March 2022
Spatial data recorded.

Record ID: SUR-C84956
Object type: SEAL MATRIX
Broad period: MEDIEVAL
County: West Berkshire
Workflow stage: Awaiting validation

A medieval cast copper alloy seal matrix of pointed oval (vesica) shape and 27.1mm in length. The die face has a large, deep, concave, with five, curved, terminal ...

Records per page: 10 20 40 100

Only results with images: ☐ on ☐ off

Only results with 3D content: ☐ on ☐ off

Sort your search by:

- ☐ DATE CREATED
- ☐ Object type
- ☐ Broad period
- ☐ Recording institution
- ☐ Workflow status
- ☐ Updated

Which direction?

Total results available: 6,150
Search server index: asgard

You are viewing records: 1 - 20.

Search statistics

- Total quantity: 8,439
- Mean quantity: 1.375
- Maximum: 562

Filter your search

Object type

<https://finds.org.uk/database/search/results/countyID/38899>



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PAS records

← BH-464B32 : Medieval coin →

NMS-467327 : Medieval coin →

Cite record Embed record Print

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.

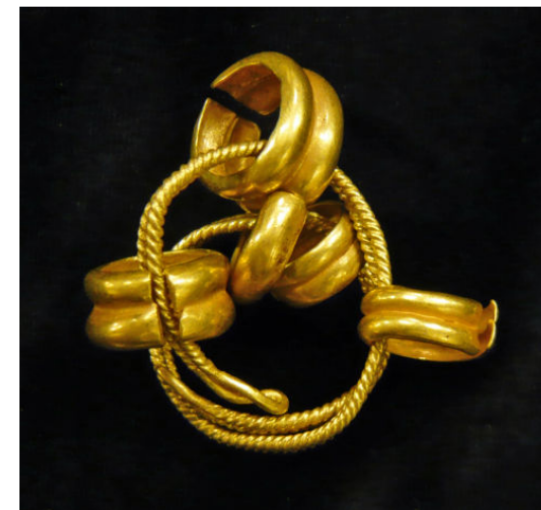
The twisted ornament has an approximate uncoiled length of 97mm.

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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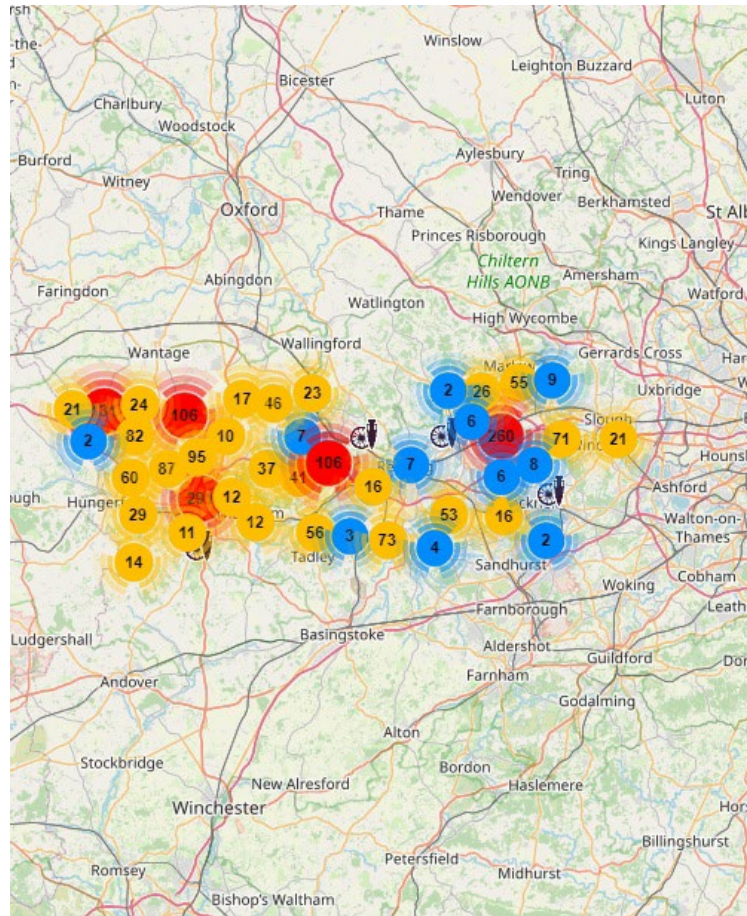


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PAS in Berkshire

- ❑ 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



Iron Age

- ❑ SUR-8C5345
- ❑ Southern Region/Regni
60-20 BC



Iron Age

- ❑ BERK-76B79D
- ❑ Completely unknown



Roman

- ❑ BERK-3F1F0D
- ❑ Crossbow brooch
- ❑ 4th century
- ❑ Official associations



Roman



Roman



Roman

- ❑ BERK-EB0C6B
- ❑ Cn. Cornelius Blasio dating to 112-111 BC
- ❑ Juno and Minerva



Early Medieval

- ❑ HAMP-C2C9E1
- ❑ Small long brooch
- ❑ 5th – 6th centuries AD



Early Medieval

- ❑ BERK-A7A6C1
- ❑ Sword pommel
- ❑ 10th – 11th centuries AD



Medieval

- ❑ BERK-972ADC
- ❑ Heraldic pendant
- ❑ Not linked to any family



Medieval

- ❑ SUR-8CC0CD
- ❑ Seal of William....
- ❑ Location or profession unknown



Medieval

- ❑ BERK-C07557
- ❑ Pseudo-religious?



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>

What else do we do?

❑ Outreach

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