

The newsletter for the PAS and finds in Kent

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Welcome!

finders, find specialists and everyone else interested in the archaeological finds of Kent to this the first quarterly newsletter for the Portable Antiquities Scheme in Kent. In it you will find the FLO's schedule for the next quarter of the year, news & updates about finds, projects & metal detecting in Kent, a selection of finds from the last quarter and other brief articles and comments you might find interesting.

FLO Finds Surgeries:

April

12/04/2018 - Maidstone, Kent History and Library Centre, 1 - 6pm

26/04/2018 - Hythe Library, 1 - 5.45pm

May

10/05/2018 - Maidstone, Kent History and Library Centre, 1 - 6pm

17/05/2018 - Tonbridge Library, 3 - 6pm. (May need to change due to library refurbishment)

24/05/2018 - Margate Gateway, 1 - 6pm.

31/05/2018 - Dartford Library, 3 - 6pm

June

07/06/2018 - Ashford Gateway, 1 - 5.45pm

14/06/2018 - Maidstone, Kent History and Library Centre, 1 - 6pm

24/05/2018 - Dover Discovery Centre Gateway, 1 - 5.45pm.



KENT-5D4F44 - A hardly worn early Post-Medieval Venetian soldino (late) or 'Galley halfpenny' of Doge Leonardo Loredan (1501-1521), minted at Venice between 1501-1521.

Known as the galyhalpens (galley-halfpence) they arrived with annual Venetian trading fleets. Soldini became popular due to lack of small change during the Medieval and early Post-Medieval periods.

Recorded in January 2018.

Note on Surgeries -

The schedule as always is provisional and may have to change at short notice . Do keep an eye out on email and social media for confirmation in the week proceeding the surgery.

Treasure Update -

As many of you know the treasure process can take some time. With the record breaking number of cases last year (see the 2017 roundup p.3), there has been a bit of a backlog. As you can see from the buckle below I, the coroner's team and the British Museum's Treasure team are making progress with this backlog.

I will always endeavor to keep finders updated regarding their cases. If you would like a quick update or for me to check the progress of a case, let me know a case number and object type and I will get back to you as soon as I can.



This buckle is just one of the fantastic objects we got to work with in the last three months. Want to feature your own find or spotted something you'd like to suggest for a featured find? Let the FLO know!

KENT-122545 (2017T523 a) - One of two cast silver Anglo-Saxon buckle loops, found in close association with each other, dating to the late 5th -6th centuries.

The type is fairly common (in copper-alloy) across early medieval northern Europe and is particularly well-represented in female Kentish burials,

Report approved February 2018.

Want to get hold of the FLO or see what is going on?

Either contact them on:

Email - FLO@Kent.gov.uk

Contact No. - 03000 410053

Or visit:

Twitter - [@Kent_finds](https://twitter.com/Kent_finds)

Website - <https://finds.org.uk/counties/Kent>.

Keep an eye out for further updates to surgeries via email

Other FLO Visits

Metal Detecting Clubs:

20/04/2018 - West Kent MDC

28/05/2018 - Kent Searchers MDC

11/06/2018 - Invicta MDC

Other Visits:

07/04/2018 - Eden Valley Museum, for a talk on Portable Antiquities and Treasure from Kent.

Metal detecting Code of Practice update -

We all know that when undertaken responsibly metal-detecting can make an important contribution to archaeological knowledge.

The code of practice isn't a set of rules but acts as a guide for those wishing to contribute to our understanding of the history of England and Wales.

Please see the copy of the revised code of practice at <https://finds.org.uk/documents/file/Code-2017.pdf>

Are you going to or have you been to a rally?

As the number and size of metal detecting rallies increase it is becoming increasingly difficult for FLOs to make all the events let alone record at them.

It is still important however that your finds are recorded. So please do get your rally finds to your local FLO whether in Kent or elsewhere and let them know which rally they were found at.

If the rally does have a recording team do check if the objects are being recorded onto the PAS and make sure they know you are from Kent, so they can link your finds to you properly on the PAS database.



KENT-122545 - A rare votive Roman hammer shaped pin in copper-alloy, dating to the 4th century AD.

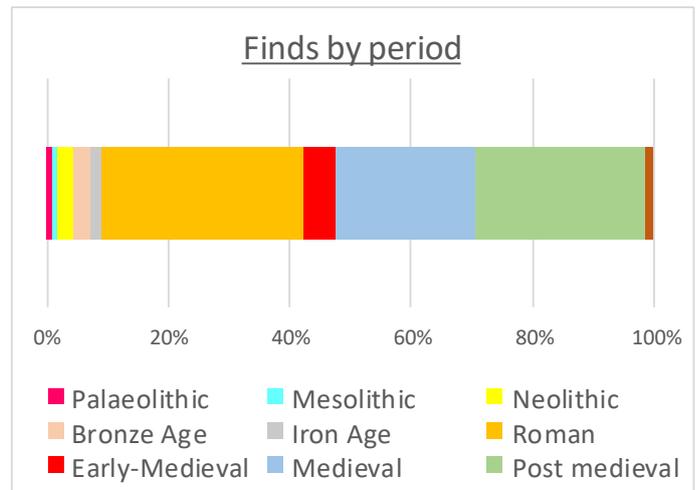
The exact use of this pin is uncertain, some complete examples are certainly long enough to be hair pins, however a suggestion of a purely votive use is frequently suggested and does seem to have some traction in the fact a significant number are recovered from temples and votive contexts.

2017: A record year for the

PAS in Kent!

Total number of finds from Kent and Medway - 1717!

From 43 finds surgeries!



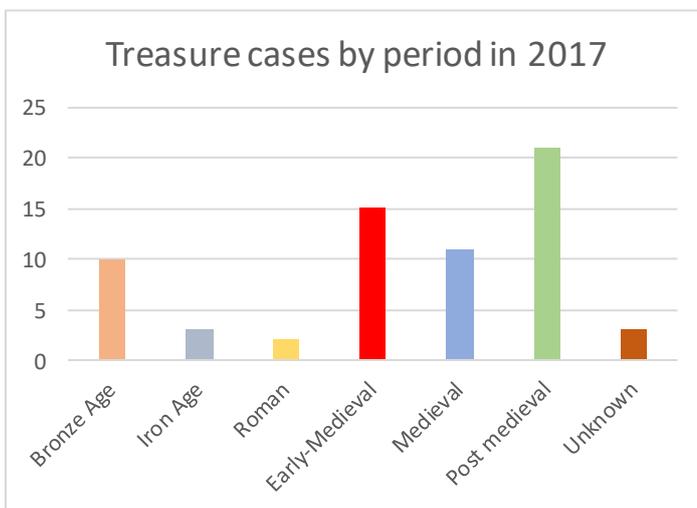
741 finds were recorded by the Kent FLO

224 from Kent recorded by other FLOs

340 were recorded by Kent's hard at work Self-Recorders.



411 by our team of five dedicated in house volunteers,



80 - Treasure cases reported to the FLO.

13 - the of these cases were hoards!
Including **10** Bronze Age

65 - From Kent itself

7 - cases Acquired by Local museums

