

# Past Times

Chippenham & District Metal Detecting Club Newsletter

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## Monthly Spotlight

This month's club meeting was held on 11th October and attended by the new Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) for Wiltshire, Wil Partridge, who allowed club members to draw on his expertise in solving the identity of numerous mystery finds. Wil took over the role of FLO recently from Richard Henry and will remain based at Salisbury Museum. Wil gave advice during the meeting on the Treasure Act and what should be submitted for recording on the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) website. The Chairman thanked Wil for making the effort to attend and made it clear that the club and its members will continue to strive for a close relationship with PAS and other related stakeholders across Wiltshire and the South-West.



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## FINDS OF THE MONTH

The focus this month was very much on hammered coinage with the club recovering a significant number of finds. The monthly competition was very close with Richie just edging ahead with his Henry VIII Groat, sadly split into two during cleaning. Jon's Divus Constantius Roman coin also drew significant attention due to its excellent condition. Other runner's up includes Graham's Richard I Penny, Andrew's Henry VII Half-Groat and Mark's Elizabeth I Half-Groat. On the artefacts side, Jon's medieval ring pipped Andrew's horse pendant to the post. Overall, an amazing month for finds across the board.



Henry VIII Groat



Divus Constantius



Richard I Penny



Henry VII Halfgroat



Elizabeth I Halfgroat



13th Century Twin Bezel  
Finger Ring

Medieval  
Horse  
Pendant



## Charity Update

This month the club will be donating £1200 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance, a 20% increase on last year's £1000. This sum is predominantly proceeds of the Grittleton charity detecting event held earlier in the year. In addition to this £100 will be handed over to the cancer unit at RUH Bath. Club members continue to collect waste metals, including lead, the proceeds from which will support the Farmers' Benevolent Fund. At the last club meeting the Chairman announced that the next charity event was likely to be held in a nearby location using Grittleton manner once more as the administrative and logistical hub.



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## Return of the Ancient Cross

Whether Anglo-Saxon or Viking in origin I'm sure you'll agree the cross Graham recovered over a year ago is impressive. After over a year going through the Treasure Act process it has now been returned and Graham has decided to keep the artefact and recompense the farmer with the appropriate cash value.



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