



Lenborough Hoard Appeal

Help us save the Hoard!

Bucks County Museum needs your school's help to save the Lenborough Hoard

Achieve one of the fundraising targets and your school will sponsor coins from the Hoard **AND get a FREE talk about the Hoard and an Anglo-Saxon Craft workshop** from our expert and experienced Collections and Learning Team.

Please turn over for full details on fundraising targets, talks and workshops.

To register your interest call the Learning Team on **01296 387345** or email **learning@buckscountymuseum.org**



BUCKS
COUNTY **MUSEUM**

Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery
Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP Tel: **01296 331441**
Facebook.com/BucksMuseum @BucksMuseum
www.buckscountymuseum.org

Lenborough Hoard Appeal

Help us save the Hoard!

Through working with schools we are aiming to raise £30,000 of the £1.2million needed to save the hoard for Buckinghamshire. There are over 5,000 coins that will cost £200 each.

If your school raises at least £200 to help buy the hoard, it will get a FREE hour-long talk from the Keeper of Archaeology and an hour-long Anglo Saxon Craft workshop led by our Learning Team. The more your school can raise, the more coins it will sponsor.

Silver Level Fundraiser: £200 raised

Your school will sponsor **ONE** coin

Gold Level Fundraiser: £600 raised

Your school will sponsor **THREE** coins

Platinum Level Fundraiser: £1000 raised

Your school will sponsor **FIVE** coins

Please note, all talks and workshops are subject to availability and have a maximum capacity of 45 children. Contact the Learning Team to discuss your school's particular requirements on **01296 387345** or email learning@buckscountymuseum.org



BUCKS
COUNTY **MUSEUM**

Lenborough Hoard Appeal

About the Lenborough Hoard

How was it found ?

Just before Christmas 2014, a huge hoard of over 5200 silver coins was found by a metal detectorist, Paul Coleman, in a field at Lenborough, only a few miles south of Buckingham, who was searching there as part of a rally with the Weekend Wanderers club.

The silver coins were wrapped in a sheet of lead to protect them and turned out to be Anglo-Saxon pennies. They are about 1000 years old and were made in the reigns of two kings – Ethelred the Unready, and Cnut (sometimes called Canute) the Great.

The history

Anglo-Saxon coins are found in England every year, but normally only singly or in small groups of up to 20 coins. This is a much, much bigger hoard than usual, and it must have been hidden for a special reason, but we don't yet know what that reason was. This is possibly the 3rd largest Anglo-Saxon coin hoard ever found in England, and is probably the most important find in Buckinghamshire for years. At Bucks County Museum, after almost 150 years of collecting finds from Bucks, we have over 4000 Roman coins, but less than 30 Anglo-Saxon coins, indicating just how unusual they are.

Ethelred was one of the last Anglo-Saxon Kings of England, ruling from 978-1016 until he was defeated by Cnut, a Danish Viking prince. Cnut became King of England (and later Denmark and Norway too) ruling for 20 years. The coins come from around this time of great upheaval, and tell us something of the struggles that went on between Vikings and Saxons in the time just before the Norman Conquest.

Although the coins are called pennies, they were much more valuable than a modern penny! Each coin could buy you about the same amount of things as a £20 note would today.





Lenborough Hoard Appeal

About the Lenborough Hoard Appeal

The coins have been examined in great detail, and identified by experts at the British Museum. The hoard is of national importance. Like all finds of silver and gold over 300 years old, the hoard has been legally declared Treasure, which means a museum has the chance to acquire it. The finder and landowner will get a reward, equal to the value of the hoard, but if we want to keep these fantastic finds in Bucks, then we need to raise money to pay the reward.

The reward is likely to be more than £1million, and we will also need to house the coins securely, in the new galleries we are hoping to build. Most of the money we hope to raise from grants, but we still need to raise at least £30,000 locally, to have a good chance of keeping the coins. If we do not raise the money, then hoard will be lost, and will be sold privately - there has already been an offer from The Mint of Norway to buy the coins, and we want to stop them going abroad, and being lost again.

This is where your school can help. The more that you can help raise towards saving the hoard, the better. Apart from the talk and craft workshop, if you want to get involved in more fundraising, and get your students to be part of this campaign to save THEIR heritage, we'd be delighted. We will do our best to support you, supporting us! Aside from saving this massively important find for the future, this gives the students an opportunity to be a part of something larger than just their school or town. This is a unique part of the nation's heritage, and if we can't save it now, it will be gone for good.

Help us save the past for the future.



BUCKS
COUNTY MUSEUM

Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP Tel: 01296 331441

Facebook.com/BucksMuseum @BucksMuseum

www.buckscountymuseum.org