

Meeting of the Treasure Valuation Committee Meeting – 29th May 2013

The meeting was held in the Hartwell Room at the British Museum on Wednesday, 29th May 2013 at 11:00 am.

Present:

Committee:

Colin Renfrew (Chair)
John Cherry
Peter Clayton
David Dykes
Hetty Gleave
Tim Pestell

British Museum

Roger Bland
Janina Parol
Emma Traherne
Ian Richardson

Apologies

Ian Carradice (Comments supplied)
Mark Caldon (DCMS)

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 27th March 2013

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Item 2:

Appointment of a member to represent finder's interests -

Roger Bland informed the Committee that the DCMS Public Appointments office would be beginning the process of obtaining approval for the reappointment of a member to this role and then recruiting for it. Committee members stressed the importance of having a finders' representative and hoped the appointment could be made soon.

Item 3: Objects

Bronze Age artefacts

1. Bronze Age copper alloy hoard (17) from Sarratt, Hertfordshire (2012 T286, PAS ID: BH-6FF1F3)

The provisional valuer suggested £35. The Committee inspected the hoard in light of this, and felt that the provisional assessment was accurate. In agreement with the valuer, the Committee recommended £35. The Three Rivers Museum hopes to acquire.

2. Bronze Age copper alloy axe heads (3) from Lindley area, West Yorkshire (2012 T804, PAS ID: SWYOR-D1F385)

The provisional valuer suggested £255. The Committee viewed the axe heads with this in mind and commented on the poor condition of the metal of these items. Nonetheless the items were felt to have a pleasing form and the Committee recommended £265. Kirklees Museum & Art Gallery hopes to acquire.

3. Bronze Age gold penannular ring from Woodhouse, Leicestershire (2012 T573, PAS ID: LEIC-4AB781)

The provisional valuer suggested £600. The Committee took this into account as it viewed the ring, commenting that although this item was made of solid gold, it was slightly less compelling in comparison to other penannular rings from the same period which carry an attractive striped patterning and are more finely made (see for instance 2012 T239 from Roxwell, Essex, PAS ID: ESS-AF35D7, valued at £550). The Committee recommended £500. Leicestershire County Council Heritage Service hopes to acquire.

4. Bronze Age gold penannular ring from Roxwell area, Essex (2012 T239, PAS ID: ESS-AF35D7)

The provisional valuer suggested £650. The museum hoping to acquire submitted comments on the provisional valuation, and the finder submitted comments from [REDACTED] of Chris Rudd (antiquities dealer). The Committee paid regard to this information as it considered the ring. It was noted that the ring referenced as a comparison by the provisional valuer, which sold at St James's Auction for £850, had previously been offered at auction and had remained unsold. It was also not only heavier than the ring from Roxwell, but it was also solid gold, whereas the Roxwell ring is gold plated over a copper-alloy core. It was seen to have an attractive but worn design, and taking all of this into consideration, the Committee recommended £550. Chelmsford Museum hopes to acquire.

Iron Age artefacts

5. Iron Age gold coin set with iron mount from Wambrook, Somerset (2012 T243, PAS ID: SOM-ADA683)

The provisional valuer suggested £80. The Committee viewed the coin in light of this and agreed that the value of the piece would not be in its numismatic appeal but rather in its interest as an item of jewellery. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £80. Somerset Museum Service hopes to acquire.

6. Iron Age or Early Medieval gold ingot fragment from Gussage All Saints, Dorset (2012 T703, PAS ID: DOR-4169A6)

The provisional valuer suggested £100-£105. The Committee viewed the ingot fragment with this in mind and commented that the methodology applied by the valuer in attributing a figure to this plain piece of precious metal was fair. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £100. Priest's House Museum hopes to acquire.

Roman artefacts

7. Roman silver finger-ring from Southwark, London (2006 T563, PAS ID: LON-A793D2)

The provisional valuer suggested £35-£40. The Committee inspected the finger-ring in light of this. It noted the item's poor condition but also took account of its completeness, and in agreement with the valuer, recommended £35. Museum of London hopes to acquire.

8. Roman to Early Medieval silver brooch from Kirton in Lindsey, North Lincolnshire (2012 T679, PAS ID: SWYOR-EC09E8)

The provisional valuer suggested £200-£220. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the brooch and noted that several of the *comparanda* cited in the valuer's report sold for prices lower than that suggested here. Allowing for the distortion of the piece from Kirton in Lindsey, the Committee recommended, in agreement with the valuer, a value of £200. North Lincolnshire Museum hopes to acquire.

9. Roman silver spoon (incomplete) from Langtoft, East Riding of Yorkshire (2012 T736, PAS ID: YORYM-FC5A34)

The provisional valuer suggested £60-£70. The Committee examined the spoon and felt that the valuation was well-supported. Whilst acknowledging the absence of most of the spoon, the Committee also commented that the stem was of good silver, and recommended £75. East Riding Museum Service hopes to acquire.

10. Roman silver finger-ring with coin bezel from Spetisbury, Dorset (2012 T840, PAS ID: DOR-B43092)

The provisional valuer suggested £30. The finder submitted comments, and the Committee read these whilst considering the find. It was felt that the ring, although badly damaged, possessed a little more attraction than accounted for in the suggestion of the valuer, and the Committee recommended £45. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

11. Roman gold gem set mount from Hagworthingham, Lincolnshire (2011 T592, PAS ID: LIN-1AF157)

The provisional valuer suggested £650-£750. The Committee read the valuer's report and viewed the gem, agreeing that it was an impressive piece. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £650. The Collection, Lincoln, hopes to acquire.

12. Roman gold jewellery item from Toppesfield, Essex (2011 T699, PAS ID: ESS-56A4F4)

The provisional valuer suggested £700-£800. The Committee viewed the jewellery item in light of this, and felt that it needed to consult further prior to recommending a value. Accordingly, the Committee asked the Secretariat to commission a second provisional valuation. The British Museum hopes to acquire.

NB: The Committee felt that this was less interesting than the previous item on the agenda (2011 T592, PAS ID: LIN-1AF157) which it had valued at £650.

Early Medieval artefacts

13. Early Medieval silver strap end from Bredon, Worcestershire (2011 T417, PAS ID: PAS-4B7FF1)

The provisional valuer suggested £100. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the strap end and commented that such items have been the subject of some interest in the market, and recommended £120. Worcestershire Museum or Worcester Museum & Art Gallery hope to acquire.

14. Early Medieval silver-gilt brooch from Tendring area, Essex (2011 T204, PAS ID: ESS-322D11)

The provisional valuer suggested £60-£70. The Committee viewed the brooch in light of this and felt the suggestion was accurate. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £60. Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service hopes to acquire.

15. Anglo-Saxon silver-gilt pin head fragment from Burwash, Kent (2011 T584, PAS ID: KENT-B39CC6)

The provisional valuer suggested £50. The Committee took this into consideration as it inspected the pin head fragment, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £50. The British Museum hopes to acquire.

16. Early Medieval silver scabbard mount from Hinton St Mary, Dorset (2012 T113, PAS ID: DOR-A7E806)

The provisional valuer suggested £200. The Committee examined the scabbard mount in light of this. It was felt that the piece was fairly plain, but given its nature it would command some attention on the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £200. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

17. Anglo-Saxon silver-gilt brooch from Salisbury area, Wiltshire (2012 T144, PAS ID: WILT-BA0E35)

The provisional valuer suggested £300-£350. The brooch was examined by the Committee, which found the valuer's report to be well argued. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £320. Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum hopes to acquire.

18. Early Medieval silver & copper alloy mount from Carnforth area, Lancashire (2012 T29, PAS ID: LANCUM-EBB0D6)

The provisional valuer suggested £800. The Committee took this into consideration as it viewed the mount, which was noted as being attractive and robust. It was also felt that the possibility of the piece being from a horse harness reinforced its appeal. In agreement with the provisional value, the Committee recommended £800. Lancaster City Museum hopes to acquire.

19. Early Medieval silver hooked tag from Thaxted, Essex (2011 T697, PAS ID: LON-585A83)

The provisional valuer suggested £1000. The Committee examined the hooked tag in light of this. Available for immediate comparison was another hooked tag, from Prees, Shropshire (2011 T791, PAS ID: LVPL-A65F43) which the Committee had valued at £1,100 and which was felt to have greater appeal than the Thaxted piece.

The Committee had difficulty locating a reference for the comparison piece mentioned in the valuer's report as having achieved £3,200 in a TimeLine auction of June 2011. Without this information to hand, the Committee felt that it would have difficulty in recommending a value for the hooked tag, and requested that the provisional valuer provide more information about the comparison piece so that it could be referred to by the Committee. The Committee also requested a second provisional valuation. Saffron Walden Museum hopes to acquire.

NB: It is likely that the comparison piece suggested by the valuer is lot 681 from the TimeLine Auction of 23 and 24 June. This is described as a bronze harness mount.

20. Early Medieval silver object from North West Essex (2012 T395, PAS ID: CAM-4DB246)

The provisional valuer suggested £2,500-£3,000. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the item, which it found to be attractive and to be an item of good substance. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £3,000. Saffron Walden Museum hopes to acquire.

21. Early Medieval silver hooked tag from Prees, Shropshire (2011 T791, PAS ID: LVPL-A65F43)

The provisional valuer suggested £1000-£1200. The Committee examined the hooked tag in light of this and commented on its appealing design. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1100. Shropshire Museum Service hopes to acquire.

22. Early Medieval gold bracteate from Bolnhurst & Keysoe, Bedfordshire (2012 T527, PAS ID: BH-12AF21)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,000. The Committee read the valuer's report and examined the bracteates. It was noted that most of the parallels offered by the valuer were for other types of pendants, not bracteates. The Committee commented that it had seen several bracteates in the past of better quality, and it was felt that

the suggested value was an overestimation. The Committee recommended £800. The Ashmolean Museum hopes to acquire.

23. Anglo-Saxon gold items from Alford area, Lincolnshire (2011 T691; PAS ID: LIN-18EEC1)

The provisional valuer suggested £1800-£2000. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the items. It was felt that the items formed an attractive ensemble and that the valuation accurately accounted for this. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £2000. The Collection, Lincoln, hopes to acquire.

24. Early Medieval gold finger-ring from North West Essex (2011 T855, PAS ID: ESS-E396B1)

The first provisional valuer suggested £18,000; the second provisional valuer suggested £40,000-£50,000. The landowner submitted comments regarding the provisional valuations. The Committee took all of this into account as it viewed the ring, commenting on its large size and weight. The design on the bezel of the ring was felt to enhance its interest in the same manner of the Balthild seal matrix (see Treasure Annual Report 1998-1999, item 57, PAS ID: PAS-8709C3), but without the direct connection to an historical figure. The Committee paid regard to finder's suggestion of the ring having a possible association with Sutton Hoo. It noted that while made at the same period, such a relationship was pure speculation and contributed little to the ring's market value. The Committee recommended £45,000. Saffron Walden Museum, hopes to acquire.

25. Early Medieval gold aestel from York area, North Yorkshire (2012 T39, PAS ID: SWYOR-69C958)- 2nd viewing

The first provisional valuer suggested £2,200. The Committee considered the aestel at its meeting of 27 March 2013 and requested a second valuation. The second provisional valuer suggested £2,500-£3,000. The Committee took both of these into consideration as it viewed the aestel again. It was noted that both valuations made reference to the Yorkshire aestel (2005 T82, PAS ID: SWYOR-C75C64) and both extrapolated roughly similar figures for the item under consideration in relation to the larger and more appealing Yorkshire aestel. In agreement with the second provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £2,500. York Museum Trust hopes to acquire.

26. Early Medieval silver strap end from Whitchurch area, Shropshire (2011 T739, PAS ID: LVPL-7EE655)- 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £250. The finder had submitted comments, and the Committee had deferred making a recommendation at its meeting of 27 March 2013 in order to allow the finder to produce information to support his views. No further information was forthcoming from the finder, and so the Committee considered the case afresh. The Committee commented that the strap end had an appealing presence and design and recommended £300. Shropshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

27. Early Medieval silver brooch from Nash & Great Horwood area, Buckinghamshire (2012 T503, PAS ID: BUC-ABA063)- 3rd viewing

The first provisional valuer suggested £400. The Committee inspected the brooch at its meeting of 23 January 2013 and felt that a second valuation was in order. The second provisional valuer suggested £5,500 and the brooch was discussed again at the meeting of 27 March 2013, where the Committee also considered a submission from the finder expressing his dissatisfaction with both provisional valuations, feeling that they should be higher. At that meeting, it was duly noted that the finder had failed to supply information to support his arguments. Nonetheless, the Committee felt that the large difference in the two figures suggested required that a third valuation be sought.

The third provisional valuer suggested £10,000-£12,000. The Committee examined the brooch for a third time and took account of all of the above. It was concerned that there was such a large difference in scale between the first provisional valuation and the second and third ones. Before making a recommendation, the Committee felt that it required confirmation from the first valuer as to the figure that had been suggested (£400). The Committee asked the Secretariat to write to the first valuer to explain that the second and third provisional valuations were substantially more than the figure he had provided, and to inquire as to whether the valuer could provide further information to the Committee that might lead it to better understand the rationale for the figure he cited. Buckinghamshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

Medieval artefacts

28. Late Medieval silver-gilt pilgrim badge from Winterbourne Kingston, Dorset (2012 T641, PAS ID: DOR-9BC000)

Provisional valuer suggested £80. This was considered by the Committee as viewed the badge. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £80. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

29. Medieval silver-gilt pendant fragment from Whitchurch, Buckinghamshire (2012 T940, PAS ID: SUR-F32367)

The provisional valuer suggested £25. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this and whilst acknowledging the small size of the item, felt that its symbolism created a certain appeal, and recommended £35. Buckinghamshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

30. Medieval silver annular brooch from North Elmsall, West Yorkshire (2011 T864, PAS ID: SWYOR-F81F55)

The provisional valuer suggested £20. The Committee viewed the brooch in light of this and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £20. The Committee note that the finder had agreed to waive his share of the reward. Wakefield Museum Service hopes to acquire.

31. Medieval silver annular brooch from Urchfont, Wiltshire (2011 T607, PAS ID: BUC-589638)

The provisional valuer suggested £250-£300. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the brooch and commented that the provisional valuation was accurate and well-supported. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £275. Wiltshire Heritage Museum hopes to acquire.

32. Medieval silver annular brooch from Long Newnton, Gloucestershire (2012 T385, PAS ID: GLO-F96863)

The provisional valuer suggested £150-£200. The Committee paid regard to this as it viewed the brooch, and, commenting that it was a pleasing example, the Committee agreed with the provisional valuer and recommended £200. Corinium Museum hopes to acquire.

33. Medieval silver finger-ring from Dunton, Buckinghamshire (2011 T764, PAS ID: BUC-0F38B7)

The provisional valuer suggested £15. The Committee viewed the finger-ring in light of this and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £15. Buckinghamshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

34. Medieval silver finger-ring from Markby, Lincolnshire (2012 T302, PAS ID: LIN-163C35)

The provisional valuer suggested £250-£300. The finder submitted comments and *comparanda* from the publication 'Valued History'. The Committee took account of all of this as it viewed the ring. It commented that since the publication of 'Valued History', many more rings of this type had come on to the market, which meant that their value had not doubled over time, as the finder had suggested. Furthermore, good precedents had been established for rings of this type. In addition to the auction example quoted by the provisional valuer, the Committee noted that Timeline Originals had retailed a similar example at £475, which would have translated into a hammer price within the range suggested by the valuer. The Committee felt that the ring from Markby was of good size and weight and was attractive. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £290. The Collection, Lincoln, hopes to acquire.

35. Medieval silver finger-ring from Chigwell, Essex (2012 T16, PAS ID: LON-121037)

The provisional valuer suggested £150. The Committee inspected the ring and commented on the clear inscription. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £150. Epping Forest District Museum hopes to acquire.

36. Medieval gold finger-ring from Hook area, Hampshire (2012 T567, PAS ID: HAMP-36F441)

The provisional valuer suggested £300. The Committee viewed the finger-ring with this in mind and commented that the ring was badly damaged, and that its light weight and the absence of the stone would hinder its attraction at auction. The Committee recommended £200. Hampshire Museum Service hopes to acquire.

37. Medieval gold finger-ring from Yarwell, Northamptonshire (2012 T151, PAS ID: NARC-0DB2B7)

The provisional valuer suggested £500-£700. The Committee took account of this as it inspected the ring, noting that the parallel offered by the valuer contained an emerald, whereas the ring from Yarwell featured a rock-crystal, albeit a large one. The Committee felt that the market value of the piece was at the lower end of the suggested range, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £500. Oundle Museum hopes to acquire.

38. Medieval gold finger-ring from Cambridgeshire area (2012 T36, PAS ID: CAM-03F2D3)

The provisional valuer suggested £900. The Committee viewed the finger ring in light of this and noted the severe buckling of the hoop and the light weight of the ring. The sapphire, though quite small, was felt to add an appeal to the ring. The Committee recommended £800. Peterborough Museum hopes to acquire.

39. Medieval gold finger-ring from Wing area, Buckinghamshire (2012 T474, PAS ID: BUC-9B5552)

The provisional valuer suggested £950. The Committee took account of this advice as it viewed the finger ring, and found the piece attractive and of a size which would make it appealing on the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £950. Buckinghamshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

40. Medieval gold finger-ring from Dunton Bassett, Leicestershire (2012 T766, PAS ID: LEIC-A12296)

The provisional valuer suggested £1500. The Committee paid regard to the provisional valuer's report as it viewed the ring, which it found to be of pleasing design and weight. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1500. Leicestershire County Council Heritage Service hopes to acquire.

41. Late Medieval gold ring from Illston, Leicestershire (2012 T605, PAS ID: LEIC-85FFE3)

The provisional valuer suggested £4,000. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the ring. It cited a parallel sold by Timeline Auctions on 5th October 2012 (lot 1294), one which weighed 1.89g and sold for £2,200. The Committee could also compare this to a ring of similar date and style (2011 T546, PAS ID: LANCUM-082840), weighing 2.02g and seen at a previous meeting and valued at £4,000. The ring from Illston was felt to be attractive and to have a clear, pleasing inscription, and its relatively light weight was noted. Having regard to all of the above, the Committee recommended £3,500. Leicestershire County Council Heritage Service hopes to acquire.

42. Late Medieval gold finger-ring from St Paul Malmesbury Without, Wiltshire (2011 T602, PAS ID: WILT-44FDF0)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,500-£2,000. The finder submitted comments regarding the provisional valuation, and the possibility of restoring the damaged ring. The Committee took these comments into consideration as it viewed the ring. The Committee felt that the depiction on the bezel was clearly St Catherine, as suggested in the report for the coroner, and noted that it was once enamelled. The parallel ring mentioned in the report for the coroner (2008 T269, PAS ID:LON-C8CE96) from Beenham, West Berkshire, had been valued by the Committee at £1,750 but eventually returned to the finder, as the museum that had hoped to acquire it was unable to do so.

At its last meeting the Committee had valued an iconographic ring of similar age and style from the Wing area, Buckinghamshire (2011 T852, PAS ID:BUC-E07744) at £2,000. The Committee felt that the Wing ring had been less damaged, and featured a more attractive hoop and a more interesting bezel than the ring from St Paul Malmesbury Without.

Having regard to all of the above, the Committee, in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £1,600. Wiltshire Heritage Museum hopes to acquire.

43. Medieval silver brooch from Shoreham, Kent (2012 T368, PAS ID: KENT-62A386)- 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £20. The Committee had viewed the brooch at its last meeting and did not disagree with the suggested value of the brooch. There had been, however, a question as to whether the finder was entitled to a reward or whether he had been working on an archaeological investigation and was excluded under the Treasure Act from receiving a reward. The Secretariat was requested to make further inquiries with the finder and with the archaeological society with whom he had been working when the discovery was made. The Secretariat made these inquiries and the finder acknowledged that he had been working on an archaeological project and did not expect to receive a reward. The Committee considered the case again and thanked the finder for clarifying this matter. It recommended £20 for the brooch, with £10 being recommended as a reward for the landowner. Sevenoaks Museum hopes to acquire.

44. Medieval silver-gilt pendant and coins (2) from Wragby area, Lincolnshire (2010 T561, PAS ID: DENO-A1D5F6)- 4th viewing

The provisional valuer had suggested £2,500. The Committee had considered the case on three earlier occasions and, after the British Museum's Department of Conservation and Scientific Research had extracted the coins from the interior and examined the organic material, the Committee had recommended £2,500 at its meeting of 27th March 2013. The finder submitted a challenge which pointed out that the provisional valuation had not attributed a value to the coins, and that the Committee had failed to appreciate that.

The Committee inspected the pendant and coins again and accepted the finder's point, noting that it felt the pendant was worth £2,500 on its own and the coins were worth £150. It pointed out to the finder that the analysis of the organic remains may be of scientific interest, but did not enhance the value of the find in any way. The Committee recommended £2,650. The Collection, Lincoln, hopes to acquire.

Post-Medieval artefacts

45. Post-Medieval silver-gilt hooked tag from Much Hadham, Hertfordshire (2012 T525, PAS ID: BH-120A63)

The provisional valuer suggested £25. The Committee viewed the hooked tag in light of this and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £25. The Forge Museum hopes to acquire.

46. Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress hook from Colyton, Devon (2012 T361, PAS ID: DEV-640185)

The provisional valuer suggested £200-£300. The Committee inspected the dress hook in light of this, noting its large size. Finding the dress hook to be appealing, despite the absence of its hook, in agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £250. Royal Albert Memorial Museum hopes to acquire.

47. Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress fitting from Wing, Buckinghamshire (2012 T236, PAS ID: BUC-9BB0C6)

Provisional valuer suggested £45. The Committee took account of this as it examined the dress fitting. The Committee found the valuation report to be accurate and in agreement with the provisional valuer, it recommended £45. Buckinghamshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

48. Post-Medieval silver-gilt mount from Chellaston area, Derbyshire (2012 T251, PAS ID: DENO-C56C01)

The provisional valuer suggested £200. The Committee paid regard to this as it viewed the mount, commenting that the iconography gave the piece some attraction which helped to balance out its poor condition. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £200. Derby Museum & Art Gallery hopes to acquire.

49. Post-Medieval silver-gilt pendant from Portsokenett, Monmouthshire (10.23)

The provisional valuer suggested £30. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this and noting its small size, in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £30. Chepstow Museum hopes to acquire.

50. Post-Medieval silver-gilt cufflink from Oulton area ('Woodside), Cumbria (2011 T902, PAS ID: LANCUM-9E82B6)

The provisional valuer suggested £20-£30. The Committee viewed the cufflink and took account of the valuer's report, commenting that such items had appeared before the Committee regularly in the past. In line with past valuation recommendations for these items, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £30. Tullie House Museum hopes to acquire.

51. Post-Medieval silver cufflinks from Grimston, Leicestershire (2012 T781, PAS ID: LEIC-263222)

The provisional valuer suggested £80. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the cufflinks. Having seen many similar cufflinks come before it in the past, the Committee acknowledged that the suggested value was consistent with values set on cufflinks of equal attraction. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £80. Leicestershire County Council Heritage Service hopes to acquire.

52. Post-Medieval silver button from Pamphill, Dorset (2012 T653, PAS ID: DOR-05D0F7)

The provisional valuer suggested £20-£40. The Committee examined the button in light of this and felt that the suggested value adequately accounted for the attraction of the item, given the unfortunate absence of several of its original gemstones. Nonetheless it was deemed to be an interesting piece. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £40. Priest's House Museum hopes to acquire.

53. Post-Medieval silver spoon from Alkmonton area, Derbyshire (2012 T116, PAS ID: DENO-A8F070)

The provisional valuer suggested £25. The Committee took account of this as it inspected the spoon. Feeling that the marks on the spoon would contribute a modicum of commercial interest in the piece, the Committee recommended £35. Derby Museum & Art Gallery hopes to acquire.

54. Post-Medieval silver thimble from Colehill, Dorset (2012 T685, PAS ID: DOR-066737)

The provisional valuer suggested £75. The Committee viewed the thimble in light of this and, having seen many examples of similar thimbles before, felt that the suggested value was just slightly low. The Committee recommended £80. The Priest's House Museum hopes to acquire.

55. Post-Medieval silver needle case from Stone, Buckinghamshire (2011 T807, PAS ID: BUC-E30875)

The provisional valuer suggested £30. The Committee viewed the item in light of this and noted that it was in fact the end of a pendant on a girdle, rather than a needle case, as suggested in the report for the coroner. The Committee recommended £50. Buckinghamshire County Museum hopes to acquire.

56. Post-Medieval silver-gilt pin from Milton Abbas, Dorset (2012 T728, PAS ID: DOR-BF1D81)

The provisional valuer suggested £140. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the pin. Though the Committee had seen many pins of this age and type, the values recommended for them reflected the relative condition of the items. Several examples currently offered on the website Timeline Originals for retail prices of £125 and £145 were cited. After much discussion the Committee agreed with the figure suggested by the provisional valuer, and recommended £140. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

57. Post-Medieval silver seal matrix from Clyst St George, Devon (2012 T650, PAS ID: DEV-C8FB67)

The provisional valuer suggested £50. The Committee paid regard to this as it viewed the seal matrix. The Committee acknowledged the absence of the handle of the seal matrix and the wear it had suffered, but felt that the presence of a heraldic device contributed to the item's attraction. The Committee recommended £60. Royal Albert Memorial Museum hopes to acquire.

58. Post-Medieval silver seal matrix from Braunton, Devon (2012 T451, PAS ID: DEV-F31283)

The provisional valuer suggested £150. The Committee inspected the seal matrix in light of this and found the valuation report to be accurate and well-supported. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £150. Museum of [Barnstaple](#) hopes to acquire.

59. Post-Medieval gold ring from Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset (2011 T721, PAS ID: DOR-FE5245)

The provisional valuer recommended £200-£250. The Committee paid regard to this as it viewed the ring. It was felt that it might be difficult to restore the ring without the further loss of any enamelling, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £250. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

60. Post-Medieval gold ring from Penrith, Cumbria (2012 T328, PAS ID: LANCUM-3CF2C0)

The provisional valuer suggested £500. The Committee considered the ring in light of this and pointed to a further Timeline Auction parallel which, like the ring from Penrith, had a plain exterior but achieved £700. The Committee felt that such rings were popular in the market, and it recommended £600. Penrith Museum hopes to acquire.

61. Post-Medieval silver thimble from Chigwell, Essex (2011 T668, PAS ID: LON-D91477)

The provisional valuer suggested £500-£800. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the thimble. The Committee acknowledged that the item would require some minor straightening but felt that the decoration, particularly the presence of the putti, made for an attractive piece. The fact that the thimble was a specifically designed tailor's thimble also contributed to its appeal. It was noted that a number of thimbles had been found in recent years but that examples of this quality were not so common on the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £500. Epping Forest Museum hopes to acquire.

62. Post-Medieval gold posy ring from Tolleshunt Knights, Essex (2011 T877, PAS ID: ESS-5D0577)

The provisional valuer suggested £600. The Committee paid regard to the valuer's report as it viewed the ring. The small size of the ring was commented on, with the Committee speculating that it may have been worn by its owner on a chain around the neck, as its extreme small size would have inhibited the ring being worn on a finger. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £600. Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service hopes to acquire.

63. Post-Medieval gold finger-ring from Great Canfield, Essex (2011 T846, PAS ID: ESS-3A0471)

The provisional valuer suggested £600. The Committee examined the ring in light of this. The Committee took account of the religious markings on the exterior but noticed the wear on the ring and the lack of an inscription or maker's mark on the interior. Compared with other post-medieval gold finger-rings seen at the same meeting (2012 T238, PAS ID: LANCUM-3CF2C0, valued at £600; 2011 T877, PAS ID: ESS-5D0577, valued at £600), the Committee felt that the valuer had overestimated the market appeal of the finger-ring from Great Canfield. The Committee recommended £400. Saffron Walden Museum hopes to acquire.

64. Post-Medieval gold finger-ring from Hursley, Hampshire (2012 T805, PAS ID: HAMP-62C152)

The provisional valuer suggested £4,000. The Committee took this under advice as it viewed the finger ring, commenting on the interesting inscription and the pleasing design of the ring, featuring as it did a small buckle. Finding the ring to be rather slight, the Committee felt that the market value would be somewhat less than the suggested figure. The Committee recommended £3,200. Winchester Museum hopes to acquire.

65. Post-Medieval silver object from Isley cum Langley, Leicestershire (2012 T31, PAS ID: LEIC-EA5812)- 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £100. The Committee viewed the object at its meeting of 23rd January 2013 and recommended £120. The finder submitted a challenge to the recommended valuation and the Committee considered the item again. The Committee thanked the finder for his letter but commented that there was no new evidence or information submitted which would cause it to depart from its original recommendation. The Committee confirmed a recommendation of £120. The Committee further pointed out to the finder that it was not within the Committee's power to disclaim the Crown's interest in a find. Leicestershire County Council Heritage Service hopes to acquire.

66. Post-Medieval gold posy ring from Osbaston, Leicestershire (2012 T535, PAS ID: LEIC-909767)- 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £400. The Committee had seen the ring at its meeting of 27th March 2013 and had recommended £250. The finder submitted a challenge and included a comparison from a Timeline auction. The Committee read the finder's letter and viewed the ring again. It pointed out that the parallel offered by the finder was for a ring in much better condition than the ring from Osbaston, and, taking account of this and the other comparison's cited at the last meeting, the Committee confirmed a recommendation of £250. The Committee further pointed out to the finder that it was tasked with recommending the market value of an item, and that this had no direct bearing on the archaeological or historical interest of a piece; thus the Committee's recommendation should not be taken as an indication of the importance of the item to the museum's collection. Leicestershire County Council Heritage Service hopes to acquire.

67. Post-Medieval gold ring from Nuneaton area, Warwickshire (2011 T710, PAS ID: WMID-9318D6)- 3rd viewing

The first provisional valuer suggested £2,500; the Committee viewed the ring at its meeting of 15th November 2012 and requested a second valuation. The second provisional valuer suggested £10,000. The Committee viewed the ring again at its meeting of 27th March 2013 and requested a third valuation. The third provisional valuer suggested £900.

The Committee considered all of these valuations as it viewed the ring again. The Committee commented on the great disparity of the valuations and spoke at some length about these. The second valuation was felt to be disproportionately high and unfortunately the valuer had not cited any auction parallels. The Committee found the supporting information supplied by the first valuer to be constructive, and although the first valuation was initially felt to be too generous, the subsequent valuations contributed context to the issue and the Committee appreciated that the first valuation was in fact an accurate assessment of the market value of the ring. In agreement with the first valuer, the Committee recommended £2,500. Warwickshire Museum hopes to acquire.

Item 3: Coins

Iron Age coins:

68. Iron Age coins (6) from Upham, Hampshire (2012 T82, PAS ID: HAMP-10C632)

The provisional valuer suggested £2,070-£2,350. The Committee viewed the coins and felt that the valuer had accurately appreciated the appeal of these coins on the market and that his estimates precisely bracketed the value of the coins. The Committee therefore recommended, for each of the coins:

- a: £85
 - b: £475
 - c: £425
 - d: £375
 - e: £375
 - f: £475
- Total = £2210.

Winchester Museum hopes to acquire.

Roman coins:

69. Roman silver coins (5) from Plumbley area, South Yorkshire (2012 T481, PAS ID: SWYOR-DB7CA8)

The provisional valuer suggested £70-£80. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the coins, and felt that the valuer had been accurate in his report. In agreement with the valuer, the Committee recommended £80. Sheffield Museum hopes to acquire.

[Peter Clayton left the room]

70. Roman silver coins (2) from Northchurch, Hertfordshire (2012 T528, PAS ID: BH-12F905 & BH-130685)

The provisional valuer suggested £80-£110. The Committee paid regard to this as it viewed the two silver coins. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £95. Dacorum Museum hopes to acquire.

[Peter Clayton re-entered the room]

71. Roman copper alloy coin hoard (3631) from Amber Valley, area, Derbyshire (2010 T747, PAS ID: DENO-A6AE06)

The provisional valuer suggested £2,500. The finder supplied comments and examples of similar coins being sold on the market. The Committee took all of this into consideration as it viewed the hoard of coins. The Committee agreed with the valuer's point that in an auction, most of the coins from this hoard would likely be sold in large bulk groups. It also appreciated the finder's point that only 21.8% of the coins in the hoard were illegible and that the valuer had been slightly pessimistic about the bulk of the coins (the remaining 78.2%) which were indeed legible. Nonetheless, factoring in the condition and desirability of the coins, the valuer's assignment of 50p per coin for the illegible coins and £1 per coin for the legible coins was felt to be correct, and using this formula the Committee arrived at a recommended valuation of £3250 for the hoard. Derby Museum & Art Gallery hopes to acquire.

72. Roman copper alloy coin hoard (17,577) from Bath (2007 T677, PAS ID: GLO-4089B6)

The first provisional valuer suggested £120,000-£130,000; the second provisional valuer suggested £110,878. The Committee viewed the hoard in light of this, and observed that the two valuation reports were fairly close. It noted the presence of some decent quality, interesting coins, such as those of Gordian I, Macrinus and Clodius Albinus. The Committee also commented on the academic interest of the coin hoard, which it had been revealed had been deposited together in a series of separate bags in what was probably a wooden chest. In agreement with the first valuer, the Committee recommended £120,000. Roman Baths and Pump House Museum hopes to acquire.

73. Roman coin hoard (5481) & vessels (2) from Pamphill, Dorset (2011 T687, PAS ID: DOR-148AF3 & DOR-148E55)- 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £6,485. The Committee had viewed the coins at its meeting of 27th March 2013 and felt that it required more specific information from the valuer before making a recommendation. The valuer provided the information and the Committee examined the coins again. It reiterated its earlier point that while the valuer's report was accurate for the majority of the coins, the coins of the emperors Marius and Postumus had been undervalued. With this in mind, the Committee recommended £7,000 for the coins and vessels. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

Early Medieval coins

74. Early Medieval silver sceattas (2) from Urchfont, Wiltshire (2012 T623, PAS ID: WILT-F4E336)

The provisional valuer suggested £270. The Committee examined the two coins in light of this and noted that the valuation report was well-supported. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £270. Wiltshire Heritage Museum hopes to acquire.

75. Early Medieval gold tremissis fragment from Colchester area, Essex (2011 T202, PAS ID: ESS-32E115)

The provisional valuer suggested £500-£700. The finder submitted comments regarding the provisional valuation. The Committee took this into account as it viewed the coin. It pointed out that the finder's suggestion that as roughly 2/3 of the coin survives, it should be worth 2/3 the value of a complete coin, was unfortunately not the case, as the level of completeness of a coin (or any artefact) is not linearly proportionate to the value of a complete coin. The Committee felt that the valuer had accurately appreciated the appeal of the tremissis, and in agreement with the valuer, it recommended £650. Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service hopes to acquire.

Medieval coins

76. Medieval silver pennies (5) from Ansley, Warwickshire (2012 T253, PAS ID: WAW-C71785)

The provisional valuer suggested £165-£230. The Committee viewed the coins in light of this and found the provisional valuation to be well-calculated, and it adopted the middle of the range suggested for each of the coins. It therefore recommended:

1. £35
 2. £50
 3. £17.50
 4. £35
 5. £60
- Total = £197.50

Warwickshire Museum hopes to acquire.

77. Medieval silver coins (18) from Belbroughton area, Worcestershire (2011 T225, PAS ID: WMID-C63DD5)

The provisional valuer suggested £235. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the coins and agreed with the points made by the valuer in his report. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £235. Worcestershire County Museum hopes to acquire.

78. Medieval silver coins (43) from Ashbourne area, Derbyshire (2012 T138, PAS ID: YORYM-755D34)

The provisional valuer suggested £572. The Committee inspected the coins in light of this and felt that the valuation was well calculated and rational. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £572. Buxton Museum hopes to acquire.

79. Medieval silver coin hoard (29) from Farnham, Essex (2011 T242, PAS ID: BH-106AF2)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,937. The Committee took this into consideration as it looked at the coins, remarking that coin number 5 in the catalogue, the groat of Henry IV (London mint) was the standout attraction in this group. The Committee felt that the valuer had appreciated this fact and had valued it accordingly, and that the rest of the valuation showed equal accuracy. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1,937. Saffron Walden Museum hopes to acquire.

80. Medieval gold coins (2) from Slapton, Devon (2011 T415, PAS ID: DEV-ADCE46)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,100. The Committee examined the quarter nobles in light of this and commented that the provisional valuation was well-supported and justified. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1,100. Plymouth City Museum hopes to acquire.

[Tim Pestell left the room]

Item 6: Norfolk Cases

81. Anglo-Saxon gilded coin brooch from Bradenham, Norfolk (2011 T103, PAS ID: NMS-66F9A5)

The provisional valuer suggested £150-£250. The Committee viewed the coin brooch with this in mind and felt that it was correct to say that the piece's market value was based on its attraction as an item of jewellery, its numismatic appeal having been reduced when the coin was transformed into a brooch. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £150. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

82. Early Medieval silver mount from Pulham St Mary, Norfolk (2012 T67, PAS ID: NMS-664877)

The provisional valuer suggested £1200-£1600. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the mount, and commented that examples 1a and 1b from the valuer's report were the most relevant comparisons cited. The decoration was felt to contribute to its attraction, but the Committee also noticed the unfortunate damage and distortion to the item. The Committee decided it would benefit from having a second provisional valuation on the piece, and determined to reconsider the piece again after a second valuation had been received. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

83. Medieval copper alloy & silver disc brooch from West Acre, Norfolk (2011 T909, PAS ID: NMS-A282A3)

The provisional valuer suggested £40-£60. The Committee viewed the jetton in light of this and noted that it had been nicely mounted in a manner deliberately to show off the cross. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £50. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

84. Post-Medieval silver coin hoard (14) from Wymondham, Norfolk (2012 T193, PAS ID: NMS-225734)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,200-£1,500. The Committee inspected the coins in light of this and felt that the valuer had indeed paid close attention to the condition of the coins and had shown adequate appreciation for it in the valuation. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1,350. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

[Tim Pestell re-entered the room]

Item 4: Any Other Business:

New Art Fund Treasure Plus programme – The Committee was informed of the Art Fund’s new programme to support museums in developmental activities focused around Treasure items or other archaeological finds they had acquired. The Committee voiced its enthusiasm for the fund, and wished the Art Fund good luck in its administration.

Dates of Committee meetings in 2013 – It was suggested that Committee members bring their diaries to the meeting of 19 July 2013 to discuss dates for Committee meetings in 2014. It was also suggested that, given the large number of items appearing on each agenda, it would be more efficient to schedule at least one more meeting next year, in order to have a lower number of items appearing at each meeting.

Item 5: Date of Next Meeting 19th July at 11:00am in the Board Room of the British Museum.

Provisional Valuations:

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