

Minutes for Treasure Valuation Committee Meeting – 18th March 2020

The meeting was held in the Study Room of the Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory at the British Museum at 11:00am

This meeting took place in the context of government advice during the coronavirus crisis to limit social contact. Members of the Committee sent extensive notes with their views on valuations, and two members, Hetty Gleave and Marian Campbell, attended the British Museum to view all of the material in person.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting of 29th January 2020

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Item 2: OBJECTS

Bronze Age

1. 2015 T885 Bronze Age copper-alloy hoard (47) from Arreton, Isle of Wight (IOW-DDE627)

The provisional valuer suggested £355. The Committee inspected the pieces in light of this and felt that the valuation report was well-reasoned and supported by evidence from the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £355. Brading Roman Villa hopes to acquire

2. 2016 T591 Bronze Age rapier hoard from Great Canney, Essex (ESS-5DF6D2)

The provisional valuer suggested £190. The Committee viewed the items in light of this and noted that the rapier contributed to the interest of this hoard, but acknowledged that its fragmentary nature would prevent it from achieving much on the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £190. Colchester and Ipswich Museums Service hopes to acquire.

3. 2016 T811 Bronze Age gold penannular ring from Dorstone, Herefordshire (HESH-E4B5D6)

The provisional valuer suggested £450. The Committee examined the penannular ring in light of this. It commented that such artefacts were not unusual Treasure finds and that the suggested value was reasonable given the appearance of this example, which although made of solid gold lacked the distinctive ‘tiger-stripping’ surface effect seen on other examples. The Committee felt that the provisional valuer’s use of the intrinsic value of the gold in this piece was not necessary as it was not scrap metal but a worked ancient artefact; nonetheless the Committee agreed with the valuer’s suggestion and recommended £450. Herefordshire Museums Service hopes to acquire.

4. 2017 T832 Bronze Age copper-alloy axes (9) from near Salisbury, Wiltshire (WILT-10C824)

The provisional valuer suggested £2,500. The Committee inspected the axes in light of this and agreed that they were in reasonably attractive condition and that the valuer had provided useful comparisons. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £2,500. Salisbury Museum hopes to acquire.

5. 2017 T990 Bronze Age hoard from East Colchester, Essex (ESS-1E4FB6)

The provisional valuer suggested £160. The Committee viewed the hoard in light of this and felt that the suggestion was accurate given the fragmentary nature of the pieces. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £160. Colchester and Ipswich Museums Service hopes to acquire.

6. 2017 T1170 Bronze Age hoard (2) from Henstridge, Somerset (DOR-813231)

The provisional valuer suggested £350. The Committee viewed the rapier and palstave in light of this and acknowledged that the rapier was an interesting find but that this was accounted for in the suggested valuation. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £350. The Museum of Somerset hopes to acquire.

7. 2018 T288 Bronze Age gold strip from Tysoe, Warwickshire (WAW-C57774)

The provisional valuer suggested £320-350. The Committee viewed the strip in light of this and pointed out that it had valued similar items in the past – for instance a rolled Bronze Age gold strip from Little Baddow, Essex (2016 T187; PAS-6DBE56) which weighed 15g, was valued at £1,800. In proportion the suggested value for the Tysoe strip seemed accurate, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £350. Warwickshire Museum hopes to acquire.

8. 2018 T323 Bronze Age hoard from Coalclough with Deerplay, Lancashire (LANCUM-97FA16)

The provisional valuer suggested £60-80. The Committee examined the hoard in light of this and noted that it suffered from severe corrosion. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £60. Lancaster County Council Museums Service hopes to acquire.

9. 2018 T373 Bronze Age gold strip from Whitchurch Canonorum, Dorset (OXON-FC8972)

The provisional valuer suggested £350-380. The Committee examined the strip in light of this. At the same meeting it valued another Bronze Age gold strip of the same weight from Tysoe, Warwickshire (2018 T288; WAW-C57774) at £350. The Committee felt that they were equally attractive pieces, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, it recommended £350. Dorset County Museum hopes to acquire.

10. 2018 T633 Bronze Age hoard (10) from Fareham district, Hampshire (HAMP-7A1CBA)

The provisional valuer suggested £540. The Committee inspected the hoard in light of this and felt that it contained several appealing examples. The Committee found the valuation report to be well-reasoned and in agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £540. Hampshire Cultural Trust hopes to acquire.

11. 2018 T876 Bronze Age gold strip from Near Fordham, Cambridgeshire (SF-AC2907)

The provisional valuer suggested £100-110. The Committee examined the gold strip (or possible bead) in light of this and noted its small size and weight, but found it to be an attractively worked piece. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £110. Ely Museum hopes to acquire.

12. 2018 T963 Bronze Age copper alloy axehead from Newbald, East Riding of Yorkshire (YORYM-652256)

The provisional valuer suggested £180. The Committee viewed the axehead in light of this and noted that it was complete and in decent condition, and that the valuer's report took account of these factors. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £180. The British Museum hopes to acquire.

13. 2019 T356 Bronze Age gold fragment from Swanmore, Hampshire (HAMP-DBAD3A)

The provisional valuer suggested £950-1,050. The Committee inspected the gold fragment in light of this, and took account of the large size of the piece and the slight damage it has suffered. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £950. Hampshire Cultural Trust hopes to acquire.

14. 2019 T537 Bronze Age gold basket ornament from Winstone, Gloucestershire (GLO-92912E)

The provisional valuer suggested £850-950. The Committee examined the basket ornament in light of this. It noted that the valuer drew a parallel with an example from Cholsey, Oxfordshire (2012 T774; BERK-0D1A05) which the Committee itself had valued at £1,000. The Winstone ornament was felt not to be in as good condition as the Cholsey piece, and the Committee felt that the valuer's suggestion took account of that. In agreement with the upper end of the valuer's suggested range, the Committee recommended £950. Corinium Museum hopes to acquire.

15. 2019 T645 Bronze Age gold armring from St Bees, Cumbria (LANCUM-C6B5FC)

The provisional valuer suggested £25,000-35,000. The Committee examined the armring in light of this and found it to be an impressive piece with interesting decoration. The Committee noted the valuer's comment on the lack of metallurgical analysis of the piece, and it agreed that it would be useful to have this done. The Committee asked the Secretariat to request analysis from the British Museum Department of Scientific Research, and to share that analysis with the valuer and ask whether it changes her opinion on the suggested worth of the armring. The Committee will reconsider the case when that is done. The Beacon Museum hopes to acquire.

Iron Age

16. 2018 T864 Iron Age copper-alloy brooches (2) from East Coast Pipeline, East Riding (YORYM-9560D6)

The provisional valuer suggested £420-450. The Committee viewed the brooches in light of this. It noted that the valuer provided many examples of sales of similar brooches on the market. It agreed that the brooches under discussion were finely made but noted that all of the comparison brooches provided by the valuer sold for much less than what she proposed for these examples. The Committee decided to defer making a recommendation and to reconsider the case at the next meeting. East Riding of Yorkshire Museums Service hopes to acquire.

17. 2019 T64 Iron Age gold-alloy twisted wire (14) from near King's Lynn, Norfolk (NMS-E2FB41)

The provisional valuer suggested £350-380. The Committee examined the pieces in light of this and pointed out that although together they amounted to a not-insignificant amount of gold, their fragmentary nature made them more historically than commercially interesting. The Committee concurred with the valuer's assessment of the relative worth of these pieces compared with a much larger single gold twisted wire fragment from Ellesmere, Shropshire (2013 T38; HESH-D6AEA2) which had been valued at £450. Therefore in agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £350. The British Museum hopes to acquire.

Roman

18. 17.27 Roman silver-finger-ring from Graig, Newport

The provisional valuer suggested £150-200. The Committee inspected the finger-ring in light of this and felt that the suggested range was accurate. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £180. National Museum Wales hopes to acquire.

19. 2012 T486 Roman silver finger ring fragment from St Neots, Cambridgeshire (CAM-5770D3)

The provisional valuer suggested that the ring fragment had no commercial value. The Committee viewed the piece in light of this and felt that the most it would fetch in sale on the open market would be a very nominal value. The Committee recommended £5. St Neots Museum hopes to acquire.

20. 2018 T51 Roman gold finger-ring from Stockton-on-the-Forest, York (YORYM-9D4560)

The provisional valuer suggested £700-900. The Committee inspected the finger-ring in light of this and took account of its reasonable size and the fact that it would have been an attractive piece when originally made. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £750. York Museums Trust hopes to acquire.

21. 2018 T271 Roman gold finger-ring from Broxted, Essex (ESS-87A9C0)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,100-1,210. The Committee viewed the finger-ring in light of this and noted the small size and distortion to the band. It felt that the valuer's report was well-supported by an example in the market, agreeing that the presence of the amethyst made the Broxted piece slightly more desirable. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1,100. Saffron Walden Museum hopes to acquire.

22. 2018 T979 Roman silver finger-ring from Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire (WILT-21A7B5)

The provisional valuer suggested £140-150. The finder submitted comments on the provisional valuer, which he felt was too low. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the finger-ring. It thanked the finder for his proposed gesture to waive his share of the reward, but said that it could not allow this to be a factor in deciding on the value of the finger-ring. It also explained that it is helpful to have examples of previous sales to support arguments put forward about the value of a find. The Committee felt that this ring had a decent stone and that if offered for sale on the open market it would be cleaned up and made more attractive, and that the provisional valuation failed to fully appreciate that. The example cited by the valuer which was sold at Chiswick Auctions for £180 seemed a useful guide and the Committee felt that the Broughton Gifford ring was of equal attraction. It recommended £180. Bradford-on-Avon Museum hopes to acquire.

23. 2019 T526 Roman gold strip fragments (2) from Mallerstang, Cumbria (LANCUM-64EAD8)

The provisional valuer suggested £800-1,000. The Committee inspected the strips in light of this and commented that they were substantial, impressive items with attractive decoration. It felt that the valuers use of a multiplier of the intrinsic metal value was not necessary, as the pieces were worked artefacts with their own aesthetic appeal. Nonetheless the valuer's suggested range was believed to be accurate, and in agreement with him the Committee recommended £900. Penrith and Eden Museum hope to acquire.

Early Medieval

24. 2017 T174 Early medieval gold and silver brooch fragments from Tissington, Derbyshire (WMID-C2E8C8)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,500-2,500. The Committee viewed the items in light of this. It acknowledged that the pieces were beautifully worked and that as whole objects they would have been attractive objects, but felt that their fragmentary condition meant they were only likely to be worth the lower end of the valuer's suggested range. The Committee recommended £1,500. Buxton Museum hopes to acquire.

25. 2018 T239 Early Medieval gold cross pendant from Elham, Kent (KENT-9D33EB) – 2nd viewing

The first provisional valuer suggested £3,000-4,000. The Committee saw the pendant at its meeting of 11th September 2019 and requested a second valuation. The second provisional valuer suggested £600-800. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this and commented that it would have been an attractive piece in its original state, but that being so incomplete it would have restricted appeal on the market. At the same meeting the Committee viewed another Early Medieval gold cross pendant from Near Wynondham, Norfolk (2019 T52; NMS-6E94EA) which was much more complete, and which it valued at £4,000. The Committee felt therefore that the first provisional valuation for the Elham pendant was too high, though the presence of the central garnet meant that it would be worth slightly more than the second valuer suggested. The Committee recommended £1,000. Folkestone Museum hopes to acquire.

26. 2018 T252 Early medieval gold setting from Wingerworth, Derbyshire (BM-D2F8C4)

The provisional valuer suggested £350-450. The Committee viewed the item in light of this and noted that it was an interesting piece, though unfortunately it only retained a small amount of the original garnet gemstones. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee felt that £400 was an accurate valuation.

The Committee also saw information about the circumstances under which the setting was brought to the attention of the Coroner. It saw that images of the setting were sent by the finder to the Finds Liaison Officer for Derbyshire, Mr Willis, on 2nd June 2016 and that Mr Willis notified the finder that the object needed to be reported under the Treasure Act. In an email of 10th June 2016, the finder wrote to Mr Willis saying "hi alister no joy with farmer and he has the sed piece and say no 1 will get it now but ai got a better pic of it for you sorry. he wanted to see it so I showed it to him and he sed no 1 will see this again now. as you can see there is still a garnet in it".

Mr Willis reported this to the Treasure Registrar at the British Museum, who wrote to the finder on 13th June 2016 advising him that he had 14 days to report the discovery to the Coroner. Having received no response to this letter, the Treasure Registrar emailed the finder on 27th June 2016. On 13th July 2016, having failed to receive a response from [REDACTED] the Treasure Registrar notified the Coroner of the find. The Coroner acknowledged this on the same day and issued a Section 5 Notice to request that the item was brought to the court at 9am on 26th July 2016.

The finder replied to the Treasure Registrar on 14th July 2016 to say "it is no longer in my possession as i lost it on an organised dig after showing it off". The police investigated the matter but declined to pursue a prosecution. The finder reported finding the object again in April 2018 when the item was posted to the British Museum.

Both the landowner at the time of discovery and the tenant farmer denied having been shown the piece by the finder when it was originally found.

The Committee felt that it required more time to consider the implications of these events and what level of reward to recommended. It agreed to revisit the case at the next meeting of the Committee.

Weston Park Museum hopes to acquire.

27. 2018 T560 Early Medieval silver mount from Ebberston & Yeddingham, N Yorkshire (YORYM-2D4671)

The provisional valuer suggested £60-66. The Committee examined the mount in light of this and felt this was a reasonable suggestion. In agreement with the provisional valuation, the Committee recommended £60. York Museums Trust hopes to acquire.

28. 2018 T675 Early medieval gold strip brooch from Dalwood, Devon (DOR-4CC530)

The provisional valuer suggested £200-300. The Committee inspected the brooch in light of this. It noted that it had valued a brooch of similar style from Langton Long, Dorset (2017 T62; DOR-77185F), which was in better condition, at £420. The Committee felt that this indicated the the Dalwood brooch would achieve a figure on the open market at the upper end of the valuer's suggested range, and in agreement with her, it recommended £300. Allhallows Museum of Honiton hopes to acquire.

29. 2018 T762 Early Medieval silver pyramid mount from Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxfordshire (OXON-859A1E)

The provisional valuer suggested £400-600. The Committee viewed the mount in light of this and commented on the attractive filigree decoration. In agreement with the provisional valuer, it recommended £500. Oxfordshire Museums Service hopes to acquire.

30. 2018 T975 Early Medieval gold disc from North Nibley, Gloucestershire (GLO-8F79CA) – 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £500-800. The Committee saw the disc at its meeting of 29th January 2020 and had recommended £750. The Museum challenged the valuation and queried comments made by the Committee on the possibility of restoration of the object and the effect that has on the valuation.

The Committee took this into account as it viewed the disc again. It understood that a museum would not wish to restore the disc and explained that its previous comment was made from the perspective of a potential purchaser at auction, who it thought would consider taking the chance to rectify it in order to make it a more attractive piece to sell on. The Committee said however that this was not a significant factor in its decision on the value, and that it still felt the piece was an appealing, rare object and worth the same as its previous recommendation. The Committee confirmed a value of £750. Museum in the Park, Stroud, hopes to acquire.

31. 2019 T52 Early Medieval gold cross pendant from Near Wymondham, Norfolk (NMS-6E94EA)

The provisional valuer suggested £4,500-5,000. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this. At the same meeting, the Committee also saw another Early Medieval gold cross pendant from Elham, Kent (2018 T239; KENT-9D33EB) which had an impressive central garnet but which was much more incomplete than the Near Wymondham pendant. The Committee had valued the Elham pendant at £1,000 and agreed that the more complete Near Wymondham pendant would attract more attention on the market, but felt that the provisional valuation was slightly high. The Committee recommended £4,000. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

32. 2019 T71 Early Medieval gold bracteate from Worlaby, North Lincolnshire (NLM-862E74) – 2nd viewing

The first provisional valuer suggested £4,600-5,060. The Committee saw the bracteate at its meeting of 16th October 2019 and requested a second provisional valuation. The second valuer suggested £4,000-6,000. The Committee took both of these into consideration as it viewed the bracteate again. The Committee acknowledged the rarity of this artefact type and the presence of a collectors market for it. Nonetheless it felt that the damage suffered by the piece would prevent it from achieving a result at auction equal to the upper-end of the suggested valuation ranges, and the Committee recommended £4,500. North Lincolnshire museum hopes to acquire.

Medieval

33. 18.16 Medieval silver brooch from Llanfynydd, Flintshire – 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £50-70. The Committee had seen the brooch at its meeting of 29th January 2020 where it had recommended £60. The finder challenged the recommended valuation as being too low. The Committee took account of this as it viewed the brooch again. It noticed that the finder had been unable to provide any evidence to support his claim, and proposed that he might wish to check auction results, such as those of Timeline Auctions. Having no reason to depart from its previous recommendation, the Committee confirmed a value of £60. Flintshire Museums Service hopes to acquire

34. 2017 T578 Medieval silver vervel from East Herefordshire (HESH-4DED0C)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,500-2,000. The Committee inspected the vervel in light of this. It acknowledged the rarity of a vervel of Medieval date and agreed this might make it attractive on the market, but felt that it required a second opinion before proceeding. The Committee asked the Secretariat to commission a second provisional valuation, and will consider the case again when that is received. Herefordshire Museums hope to acquire.



35. 2017 T1076 Medieval silver pendant from Inkpen, West Berkshire (BERK-EF232D)

The provisional valuer suggested £200-300. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this and noted that it had valued others like this in the past; for instance one example from East Lindsey, Lincolnshire (2017 T588; LIN-D23796) which was complete with a loop, but lacked an inscription. The East Lindsey pendant was felt to be of equal attraction to the Inkpen pendant, and since it had been valued at £250, the Committee felt this was also a fair value for the latter. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £250. West Berkshire Museum hopes to acquire.

36. 2018 T151 Medieval silver book clasp from Poundon, Buckinghamshire (BERK-7B75F5)

The provisional valuer suggested £100-150. The Committee examined the book clasp in light of this. The Committee said that this was a pleasing example of an artefact time that is less commonly claimed as Treasure, and therefore the higher end of the valuer's range was felt to be justified. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £150. Bucks County Museum hopes to acquire.

37. 2018 T204 Medieval silver annular brooch from Whittington, Shropshire (HESH-3899D2)

The provisional valuer suggested £300-400. The Committee viewed the brooch in light of this and found it to be an interesting object, but as the inscription was indecipherable it felt that it could not recommend a figure above the lower end of the suggested range. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £300. Shropshire Museums hopes to acquire.

38. 2018 T299 Medieval silver pendant from Ickburgh, Norfolk (NMS-2C7F2A)

The provisional valuer suggested £120-170. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this. It noted the presence of the loop but found the pendant had limited appeal. The Committee compared it to another pendant from Long Stratton, Norfolk (2017 T734; NMS-6E6108) valued at £100, which it felt was of similar appeal. Therefore in this case, the Committee recommended £100. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

39. 2018 T930 Medieval silver pendant from Liddington, Swindon (PAS-97D381)

The provisional valuer suggested £70-90. The Committee inspected the pendant in light of this and noted the interesting inscription but also the unfortunate damage that the piece had suffered. In agreement with the lower end of the valuer's suggested range, the Committee recommended £70. Swindon Museum and Art Gallery hopes to acquire.

40. 2018 T1022 Medieval silver brooch from Therfield, Hertfordshire (BH-7964C3)

The provisional valuer suggested £30-40. The Committee viewed the brooch in light of this and felt that the valuation report was well argued. In agreement with the upper end of the valuer's suggested range, the Committee recommended £40. North Hertfordshire Museum hopes to acquire.

41. 2019 T58 Medieval silver-gilt brooch from Wymondham, Norfolk (NMS-701E9B)

The provisional valuer suggested £600-800. The Committee inspected the brooch in light of this and felt that it was a very attractive example, and that if offered for sale on the open market it

had the potential to achieve a figure higher than the valuer suggested. The Committee recommended £850. Norwich Castle Museum hopes to acquire.

42. 2019 T402 Medieval silver and black stone pendant from Hambledon, Buckinghamshire (OXON-1740D1)

The provisional valuer suggested £300-400. The Committee examined the pendant in light of this and commented that it was an attractive piece. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £350. Bucks County Museum hopes to acquire.

43. MANX 18.30 Medieval silver-gilt finger-ring from Lezayre, Isle of Man – 2nd Viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £300. The Committee saw the finger-ring at its meeting of 20th March 2019 and recommended £300. The finder submitted a challenge to the valuation, which he felt was too low. The Committee considered the case again in light of this and observed that the finder had not produced any specific parallels of similar rings which had sold on the market. It therefore felt there was nothing to cause it to depart from its original valuation, and the Committee confirmed a recommendation of £300. The Manx Museum intends to acquire.

Post-Medieval

44. 2017 T53 Post-Medieval silver seal-matrix from High Wych, Hertfordshire (ESS-5E1B98)

The provisional valuer suggested £200. The Committee inspected the seal matrix in light of this and found the valuation report to be well-argued. In agreement with the valuer, the Committee recommended £200. Bishops Stortford Museum hopes to acquire.

45. 2017 T254 Post-Medieval silver dress fitting from Little Hadham, Hertfordshire (ESS-A6A793)

The provisional valuer suggested £60-80. The Committee examined the dress fitting in light of this and said that it was a peculiar object but that the maker's mark contributed to its interest and it looked attractive. In agreement with the upper-end of the valuer's suggested range, the Committee recommended £80. Much Hadham Forge Museum hopes to acquire.

46. 2017 T581 Post-Medieval silver seal matrix from Ashford Carbonell, Shropshire (HESH-4E41EE)

The provisional valuer suggested £150. The Committee viewed the seal matrix in light of this and noted that the valuation report was well-supported with examples from the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £150. Shropshire Museums hopes to acquire.

47. 2017 T795 Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress pin from West Hendred, Oxfordshire (BERK-8FDE2B)

The provisional valuer suggested £80-100. The Committee inspected the dress pin in light of this and noted that it was a pleasing example in complete condition. In agreement with the upper-end of the valuer's suggested range, the Committee recommended £100. Oxfordshire Museums Service hopes to acquire.

48. 2017 T989 Post-Medieval silver seal matrix from Tendring District, Essex (ESS-1C354B)

The provisional valuer suggested £200. The Committee examined the seal matrix in light of this and felt that the suggested that figure was accurate and justified by examples of sales in the open market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £200. Colchester and Ipswich Museums Service hopes to acquire.

49. 2018 T453 Post-Medieval silver vervel from Wix, Essex (ESS-4D7DF9)

The provisional valuer suggested £1,000-1,500. The Committee viewed the vervel in light of this and felt that the lower end of the suggested range represented a realistic value given the condition of the piece and the subject of the inscription. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £1,000. Colchester and Ipswich Museums Service hopes to acquire.

50. 2018 T609 Post-Medieval silver cufflink from Bramber, West Sussex (SUR-6F6F26)

The provisional valuer suggested £80-100. The Committee viewed the cufflink in light of this. It had in the past valued a large number of these cufflinks and although the provisional valuation report cited an instance of a recent sale where a similar item was sold for £90, the Committee knew

that many others had sold for less money. It compared the cufflink to another from Scaftworth, Nottinghamshire (2018 T300; SWYOR-2EFE4D) which it had valued at £40. The Committee felt that the Bramber cufflink was of similar appeal, and recommended £40. Steyning Museum hopes to acquire.

51. 2018 T717 Post medieval silver gilt dress hook from Ragnall, Nottinghamshire (LVPL-CAB980)

The provisional valuer suggested £50-70. The Committee viewed the dress hook in light of this and in agreement with the lower end of the valuer's suggested range, recommended £50. Bassetlaw Museum hopes to acquire.

52. 2019 T61 Post medieval silver-gilt dress hook from Littleport, Cambridgeshire (NMS-7079CB)

The provisional valuer suggested £50-70. The Committee inspected the dress hook in light of this and took account of the large size, but felt that the damage it had suffered meant that the lower end of the valuer's suggested range was accurate. In agreement with him, the Committee recommended £50. Ely Museum hopes to acquire.

53. 2019 T84 Post-Medieval gold finger-ring from Askham-with-Tirril, Cumbria (LANCUM-AF83C5) – 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £180-220. The Committee saw the finger-ring at its meeting of 16th October 2019 and recommended £200. This had not been challenged, but the landowner wanted the allocation of reward reviewed as he said the finder did not have permission to search. The Committee felt that it required more information from both parties in order to review and make a recommendation on the allocation of reward. It would be grateful, if the landowner could supply in writing more detail about his accusation that the finder did not have permission to search on the land – for instance, had the finder asked for permission to search and been denied, or had the finder gone on the land without asking permission at all? The Committee will reconsider the case again if the landowner supplies this information. Penrith and Eden Museum hopes to acquire.

54. 2019 T212 Post-Medieval silver vervel from Bletsoe, Bedfordshire (BH-6AF8AB)

The provisional valuer suggested £400-600. The Committee viewed the vervel in light of this. It felt that the valuation was slightly low given the connection between the subject of this vervel and the findspot, and the fact that another vervel associated with the same family had been found in the vicinity more than 20 years earlier. It compared the vervel to another example of the same type (shield-shaped) from Thorpe, Surrey (2019 T32; SUR-F1772B) which it had valued at £750, and felt this was a fairer assessment of the subject vervel's worth. The Committee recommended £750. Higgins Art Gallery and Museum hopes to acquire.

55. 2019 T260 Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress hook from Boxford, Berkshire (BERK-93DC8A)

The provisional valuer suggested £50-70. The Committee inspected the dress hook in light of this and noted that it was of elaborate composition and an attractive piece. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £55. West Berkshire Museum hopes to acquire.

56. 2019 T382 Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress hook from Chilthorne Domer, Somerset (SOM-068DE2)

The provisional valuer suggested £150-200. The Committee viewed the dress hook in light of this and was impressed with its size and attractive design. It felt that this item would attract attention on the market and would be worth more than the valuer suggested, and it recommended £220. The Museum of Somerset hopes to acquire.

57. 2019 T524 Post-Medieval silver seal-matrix from Thirkleby High & Low with Osgodby, N Yorkshire (DUR-C11504)

The provisional valuer suggested £400. The Committee viewed the seal-matrix in light of this and noted that the valuer's report was well-argued and supported by relevant examples in the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £400. York Museums Trust Hopes to acquire.

Item 3: COINS

Due to the restrictions in place during the coronavirus outbreak, the numismatic experts on the Committee were not in physical attendance at the meeting and the coins were not examined in person by the Committee. The following recommendations are based on examination of images of the coins, and in the context of the provisional valuations, which had all been carried out in person.

Iron Age

58. 2018 T95 Iron Age coins (269) and objects from Nursling, Hampshire (WILT-A9B1FB)

The provisional valuer suggested £5,270. The finder and landowner submitted a private valuation from Liz Cottam (Chris Rudd coins) for £38,183. The Committee noted that large discrepancy between the provisional valuation and the private valuation and felt that a second provisional valuation was required. It will reconsider the case again when that is received. St Barbe Museum hopes to acquire.

59. 2019 T86 Iron Age gold coins (4) from Redbourn, Hertfordshire (BH-B1C90E)

The provisional valuer suggested £2,427-2,730. The Committee examined the coins in light of this and felt that the valuation was well worked-out and supported by examples from the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £2,700. Verulamium Museum hopes to acquire.

Roman

60. 2018 T140 Roman silver pierced coin from St Osyth, Essex (ESS-12DB1D)

The provisional valuer suggested £5. The Committee considered the coin in light of this. It agreed it was a common example but felt the piercing made it more unusual, and it recommended £20. Colchester and Ipswich Museums Service hopes to acquire.

61. 2018 T854 Roman coin hoard and silver plate fragment from Wheldrake, York (YORYM-2C0218)

The provisional valuer suggested £285-375. The Committee examined the hoard in light of this and agreed the clipping of the coins was in some cases quite severe. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £300. York Museums Trust hopes to acquire.

62. 2019 T456 Roman coin hoard (7) from Aston Ingham, Herefordshire (GLO-FEA2CE)

The provisional valuer suggested £570-715. The finder has submitted comments on the condition of the coins and examples of other coins sold. The Committee took account of this as it considered the case. It pointed out that the finder's examples were in better condition than the similar coins in the hoard and that the first of these was a retail example, which would be over and above the auction hammer price (the figure the Committee equates with market value). Nonetheless the Committee observed that the provisional valuation was too low. It made the following comments on the coins:

Coin 1 – the memorial denarius to Claudius – this is a rare example and one which would attract attention on the market - £750

Coin 2 - £100

Coin 3 - £180

Coin 4 - £10

Coin 5 - £10

Coin 6 - £10

Coin 7 – coin of Augustus - £140

Total recommendation by the Committee: £1,200. Herefordshire Museums Service hopes to acquire.

Medieval

63. 18.05 Medieval coin hoard from Grosmont, Monmouthshire

The provisional valuer suggested £2,520. The Committee considered the coin hoard in light of this and observed that the valuation was precisely calculated and backed up by evidence from the

market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £2,520. Abergavenny Museum hopes to acquire.

64. 2017 T360 Medieval silver jetton from Rylstone, North Yorkshire (YORYM-155DCB)

The provisional valuer suggested £180-220. The finder has submitted comments and examples of previously valued treasure items. The Committee took account of this as it considered the case. It felt that the provisional valuation was slightly low for this interesting piece, but pointed out that the finder's parallels were all better preserved than the jetton from Rylstone. The Committee recommended £250. Craven Museum hopes to acquire.

65. 2018 T606 Medieval silver-gilt coin brooch from Newton Area, Hampshire (OXON-578A84)

The provisional valuer suggested £40. The Committee examined the coin brooch in light of this felt that the valuation was accurate and supported by relevant parallels from the market. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £40. The British Museum hopes to acquire.

66. 2019 T37 Medieval coin hoard from Skegby Area, North Yorkshire (DUR-F4919D)

The provisional valuer suggested £408. The Committee considered the case in light of this and noted that the valuation was carefully worked out and was fair. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £408. Richmondshire Museum hopes to acquire.

Post-Medieval

67. 18.12 Post-Medieval coin hoard (2) from Llantilio Crossenny, Monmouthshire

The provisional valuer suggested £280-350. The Committee examined the coins in light of this and commented on the distinct portraits on each coin, which supported the suggested valuation. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £315. Abergavenny Museum hopes to acquire.

68. 2017 T176 Post-Medieval silver coins (2 coins only) from near Stevenage, Hertfordshire (BH-EBA118)

The provisional valuer suggested £450-550. The Committee considered the case in light of this and felt that the upper end of the valuer's suggested range was accurate. In agreement with him, the Committee recommended £550. The British Museum hopes to acquire

69. 2019 T129 Post-Medieval gold touchpiece from Eton, Berkshire (BERK-AD2BA7)

The provisional valuer suggested £650. The finder supplied comments on the provisional valuation, which he felt was too low. The Committee took account of this as it considered the case. It felt that the condition of the coin could only be described as 'very fine' rather than 'extremely fine' and that therefore the appeal of the piece was slightly less than the valuer had judged. The Committee recommended £500. Windsor and Royal Borough Museum hopes to acquire.

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Further late cases:

70. 2018 T921 Medieval silver brooch from Eyam, Derbyshire (DENO-85BB62)

The provisional valuer suggested £50-70. The Committee examined the brooch in light of this and noted that it was a fairly common type, and that although it was complete, it was broken into separate pieces. It felt that the lower end of the valuer's suggested range was accurate and in agreement with him, it recommended £50. Buxton Museum hopes.

71. 2019 T643 Medieval silver annular brooch from Middop, Lancashire (LANCUM-C628C6)

The provisional valuer suggested £180-220. The Committee viewed the brooch in light of this and noted the presence of the animal engravings on the reverse. In agreement with the provisional valuer, it recommended £200. Lancaster County Museum Service hopes to acquire.

Item 5: Next Meeting – Wednesday, 29th April 2020 - TBC

