

The Modern Era

- 1760-1820** Reign of King George III
- 1760** Industrial Revolution
- 1775** The American War of Independence begins
- 1778** War with France
- 1793** War with France
- 1798** Battle of the Nile
- 1798** Wolfe Tone leads an Irish rebellion that fails
- 1800** The Union of the Parliaments of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- 1805** Battle of Trafalgar
- 1807** Slavery abolished in Britain
- 1808** Peninsular War
- 1811** Luddites destroy new textile machines in Derbyshire. In France canned food was invented, another scourge of the detectorist
- 1815** Battle of Waterloo
- 1820-1830** Reign of King George IV
- 1825** Stockton and Darlington Railway opened
- 1829** Police force for London is formed
- 1830-1837** Reign of King William IV
- 1832** Cholera epidemic kills over 30,000 in Britain
- 1837-1901** Reign of Queen Victoria
- 1840** The Penny Post starts
- 1854** The Crimean War begins
- 1863** Building the London Underground starts
- 1899** The Boer War begins
- 1901-1910** Reign of King Edward VII
- 1902** Boer War ends
- 1910-1936** Reign of King George V
- 1914-1918** First World War
- 1936** Reign of King Edward VIII
- 1936-1952** Reign of King George VI
- 1939-1945** Second World War
- 1952-** Reign of Queen Elizabeth II

The Value of Treasure

Establishing the value of objects that have been found is the responsibility of a coroner on behalf of the Crown when an item is declared Treasure Trove, and it's far from an exact science. Items that come up for sale often exceed the estimate of the experts, some times an item will fail to reach the guide price. Historical objects and pieces of treasure are no different from any goods that are sold at auction, it's down to what the market will pay. This list is of just some of the most valuable items found in Britain during the last two hundred years. Prices have been adjusted to take account of inflation where they were sold at auction, or they were valued as Treasure Trove. In some cases they are purely estimates. Something such as the Bronze Age cape found at Mold in Flintshire is of course priceless, as are some of the other items that are on this list with an indicated value. The fact is that so much of what has been found, and included in this book, is way beyond monetary value in what it tells us of our past.

- 1811** Cleeve Prior, Worcestershire – Over 3000 Roman gold and silver coins - £500,000+
- 1828** Near Crondall, Hampshire – A hoard of 7th C gold coins and jewellery - £750,000
- 1834** Long Framlington, Northumberland 300 gold coins from the 14th and 15th C - £350-400,000
- 1907** Benhall Green, Suffolk - The bronze head of Emperor Claudius - £750,000
- 1939** Sutton Hoo, Suffolk – A 7th C hoard of gold and silver coins and objects £20M+
- 1940** Mildenhall, Suffolk - A hoard of Roman silver £20M +
- 1966** Fishpool, Nottinghamshire 14th and 15th C gold coins and jewellery - £3M +
- 1968** Belstead, Suffolk - 5 gold torcs dating from the 1st C BC - £450,000
- 1969** Colchester -14,065 silver mostly long-cross pennies of Henry III - £900,000+
- 1971** Rattlesden, Suffolk - A 12th Gilt bronze statuette of St. John the Evangelist - £250,000
- 1972** Prestwich, Bury – A hoard of 12th C silver coins - £400,000
- 1977** Pentney, Norfolk – Six 9th C Anglo-Saxon silver brooches - £475,000
- 1978** Mildenhall, Wiltshire(1978) Over 50,000 3rd C Roman coins from 193 AD and 274 AD - £1M+
- 1979** Thetford, Norfolk Roman gold and silver objects - £3M +
- 1980** Coed-y-Wenallt Cardiff - 86 silver coins from the 12th C - £270,000
- 1982** York - An 8th C Anglo-Saxon helmet - £500,000
- 1985** Middleham, North Yorkshire A gold and sapphire pendant - £4M
- 1989** Near Norwich, Norfolk – A hoard of 12th C coins - £1M
- 1991** Whitwell, Rutland – A hoard of Roman coins - £240,000
- 1992** Hoxne, Suffolk – A hoard of Roman gold and silver coins, gold and silverware - £2.3M
- 1992** Near Kelso, Scottish Borders – over 1200 coins from the 16th and 17th C -£500,000
- 2000** Near Milton Keynes - Gold torques and bracelets from 1150-750 BC - £290,000
- 2000** Winchester Area, Hampshire - Iron Age gold jewellery from 80 BC and 30 BC - £500,000
- 2001** River Ivel, Bedfordshire - A 9th C Gold coin - £230,000
- 2001** Ringlemere, Kent - An early Bronze Age gold cup from c.1700-1500 BC - £270,000