

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Private Tours of Celtic Coin Hoard in September & October

Islanders are being given a unique chance to get up very close to the largest hoard of Celtic Coins ever to be discovered, as Jersey Heritage host a series of private tours this September and October. These small behind the scenes sessions will be an opportunity to see the coins before they go on display in 2014, and participants will be able to hold the ancient coins as well as talk to the expert conservation team currently working to clean and preserve the find.

The hoard of more than 70,000 Celtic coins was discovered in June 2012 in a Grouville field by metal detectorists Reg Mead and Richard Miles. The story went around the world and attracted media attention from as far away as Australia and the United States.

Jersey Heritage's Curator of Archaeology Olga Finch said: 'This is a wonderful, one-off opportunity for Islanders to get closer to the Iron Age find than ever before. The Jersey Heritage team have been working hard to understand these precious items and uncover the stories behind their origin and location. People taking part in the behind-the-scenes tours will be able to ask the experts and get an insight into just how significant a find the coins really are. It is hoped that the coins will form a major part of the Edge of Empire exhibition, due to launch in 2014.'

Throughout the talks and presentations will be given by Olga Finch and Conservator Neil Mahrer, which will bring to life the stories behind these extraordinary discoveries and the secrets being revealed within the hoard as they painstakingly work to clean and preserve each coin.

**Tickets:** Limited to just 20 people per tour, early booking is advised. Reservations for the tours can be made on the Jersey Heritage website, by visiting: <http://www.jerseyheritage.org/news/coin-hoard-private-tour> . Money raised from these private tours will go towards the cost of the Jersey Heritage 2014 Edge of Empire exhibition, where the coin hoard will be displayed at Jersey Museum.

**Member Price** | £20 for adults | £10 for children (under 16 years old).

**Non Member Price** | £35 for adults | £10 for children (under 16 years old)

Not suitable for children under 6 years.

### **Dates**

Wednesday 11 September, 5.30pm to 6.30pm -

Wednesday 18 September, 5.30pm to 6.30pm -

Wednesday 9 October, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Wednesday 16 October, 5.30pm to 6.30pm -

### **Ends**

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### **Notes to Editors**

The exhibition is made possible by the support of LloydsTSB, who also supported the first exhibition of the Celtic coins earlier in the year.

Because there is expected to be significant public interest in viewing the coins and space is limited in the exhibition area, please liaise with us in to agree appropriate times for interview, photographic or video opportunities.

For more information, including a full timetable of events, please visit [www.jerseyheritage.org](http://www.jerseyheritage.org)