

*Discover our
Island story*



RECORDING JERSEY'S HERITAGE

WE NEED YOUR HELP



Every year objects of archaeological importance are discovered on building sites, farmland, the foreshore, in gardens, whilst people are out walking or metal detecting. These objects, known as 'finds', are an important way of understanding our past.

We would like the opportunity to record what you have found on our Historic Environment Record so that you can help enhance our knowledge of Jersey's history and archaeology.

DISCOVERING A FIND

The way in which objects are buried, or where they are located can often tell us a lot about how old they are or how they came to be there, and if they are recovered with archaeological supervision we have a better chance of understanding more about Jersey's history. So if you discover something which may be of archaeological importance, try not to disturb it, unless it is at risk of damage or theft. Please report this to the Finds Officer and make a note of the location so that the find can be found easily again.

If you need to remove the object, please note details about the 'findspot', for example, where the find was made and how deep it was buried. Please record the findspot as precisely as possible, such as using GPS coordinates or taking photos on your phone. Don't clean the find as it may deteriorate and valuable evidence could be lost. Please keep the find damp as found and in a sealed container.

REPORTING THE FIND

Please contact the Finds Officer who is based at Jersey Archive and also report your find to the landowner. If you are deliberately searching, always ask permission first.

RECORDING THE FIND

If you've had to remove your find, please bring it to Jersey Archive. A Finds Form will be completed to help us record your object on Jersey's Historic Environment Record. We will identify your find and once it has been recorded, we'll let you know what we've found out and when it is ready to collect from Jersey Archive. Details about your find will be available online as part of the Historic Environment Record. This will not include details about you or the precise findspot

location without your permission. If you wish to donate your find to Jersey Heritage or the Société Jersiaise, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you. The recording process can take up to 12 weeks.

OBJECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

If the object is rare then we may discuss with you the possibility of acquiring it for the Jersey Heritage collections, so that future generations can benefit from your find. This could only happen with you and/or the landowner's agreement.

TREASURE TROVE

Treasure trove belongs to the Crown. Treasure trove is any object(s) of gold or silver found hidden or buried in a single place, which has been there for so long that it has been forgotten. Treasure trove must by law be reported to the Receiver General, who will instruct Jersey Heritage on further action. If the find is declared treasure trove, the finder may receive a reward.

EXPORT LICENCE

All objects of archaeological interest found in the Island can only be exported from Jersey under licence. The Customs Department administers export licence applications, working with advice from Jersey Heritage. For further details on licencing, please contact the Customs Department.

BONES AND BOMBS

If you find a weapon, ammunition, ordnance or human remains, you should inform the police and act on their instructions.

Thank you in advance for providing important information about Jersey's past.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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