

# 11 Finding Treasure

Have you ever wondered what happens if you find old coins or jewellery in the ground?

**YOUR CHALLENGE:** Using the rules below, can you work out if these items are treasure and whether any of the finders would get a reward or could keep the object? Cross out the wrong answers.

**The Rules**

- 1) Objects at least 10% gold or silver and more than 300 years old are treasure.
- 2) Coins, if two or more are found together, are made from at least 10% gold or silver, and are more than 300 years old are treasure.
- 3) Treasure belongs to the Crown and needs to be handed in to the Coroner (otherwise you commit a criminal offence!)
- 4) The Treasure Valuation Committee decides on the value of the treasure and may reward the finder. Archaeologists (whose job is to study the past) are not usually able to receive rewards. If someone does not have permission to be on the land they are unlikely to receive a reward. Rewards are only possible for treasure.
- 5) Objects that are treasure usually then go to a museum for all of us to enjoy!

<b>Item</b>	Two Solid Gold Roman Coins		One Solid Gold Medieval Brooch		Solid Silver Anglo Saxon Cross		One Solid Gold Roman Coin	
	+		+		+		+	
<b>Found By</b>	Landowner of the Farm		Metal detectorist (without permission to be on the land)		Archaeologist		Landowner of the Farm	
<b>Treasure?</b>	Treasure	Not Treasure	Treasure	Not Treasure	Treasure	Not Treasure	Treasure	Not Treasure
<b>Reward?</b>	Likely	Unlikely	Likely	Unlikely	Likely	Unlikely	Likely	Unlikely
<b>Where does it go?</b>	Keep it	Goes to museum	Keep it	Goes to museum	Keep it	Goes to museum	Keep it	Goes to museum

Charlotte works in the School of Law and her research focuses on the law about heritage. This includes historic objects, whether found in the ground or already displayed in museums, and she untangles the rules about claims to them.

Charlotte's research helps us to understand how we can care for these important things and her work makes sure that future generations can enjoy them too.