

The Acquisition of the Galloway Hoard

The Galloway Hoard, also known as the Dumfriesshire Hoard, is a hoard of more than 100 gold and silver objects from the Viking age. Buried at the beginning of the 10th century in Dumfries and Galloway, the Galloway Hoard lay undisturbed for a thousand years before being unearthed by a metal detectorist in September 2014.

It contains an unparalleled range of precious metal and jewelled items, comprising of more than 100 objects, including a rich Viking Age hoard of silver jewellery and ingots. Amongst the discovery was a rare gold ingot, a unique gold bird-shaped pin and a decorated silver-gilt vessel, the only complete lidded vessel of its type ever discovered in Britain and Ireland.

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Objects from the Galloway Hoard

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Close up of one the objects from the hoard

Region

Scotland

Grant awarded

£1,000,000

Year awarded

2017

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Galloway Hoard saved for the nation

National Museums Scotland has today announced that it has achieved its fundraising target of £1.98million in order to acquire the Galloway Hoard on behalf of the nation