

Review of the arrangements for dealing with finds of portable antiquities in Scotland

It is now nearly 10 years since the Scottish treasure trove system was last reviewed by the KLTR Department and nearly 20 years since it was last looked at in detail. Much has changed. Metal detecting has seen a significant rise in popularity and activity and the heritage sector faces new challenges and pressures, particularly following the pandemic.

The intention behind this Review is therefore to take a comprehensive look at the arrangements for dealing with finds of portable antiquities in Scotland and offer recommendations to ensure the treasure trove system is fit for purpose for the next decade and beyond.

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The Review will therefore review and consult on the arrangements for dealing with finds of portable antiquities in Scotland, with reference in particular to:

1. sustaining, adapting and improving the Treasure Trove system in the context of continuing growth in the numbers of finds reported and changes in practice.
2. considering organisational responsibilities and relationships involved in running the Treasure Trove system, including ways to enable greater collaboration and participation of the interested organisations, excavators and finders.
3. addressing areas of policy and strategy relevant to but not covered in the existing Treasure Trove Code of Practice.
4. informing a future review of the Treasure Trove Code of Practice taking into account any changes recommended in this Review.