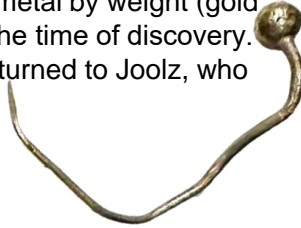




## SOPHIE HAWKE (FLO) UPDATES CLUB ON NEW TREASURE LAWS



Sophie Hawke, the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) for Wiltshire, visited to share updates on the new regulations regarding coins and artifacts. She distributed informative booklets to everyone present. One important guideline that club member Joolz must adhere to, since he discovered a potentially Roman silver pin this month, states that "Any metallic object, aside from a coin, must contain at least 10 percent precious metal by weight (gold or silver) and be at least 300 years old at the time of discovery. Hopefully the pin will be disclaimed and returned to Joolz, who intends to have the pin conserved professionally.



Above: "Mimzy" presenting Sophie Hawke a CDMDC fridge magnet as a thank you for coming all the way from Salisbury to talk to the club.

Left: A potential Silver Roman cloak pin found by Joolz Thompson.

## GROAT

The groat was the traditional name of a defunct silver coin worth four pence. The immediate ancestor to the groat was the French gros tournois or groat of Tours, which was known as the *Groot* (Dutch for "great" or "large") It was after the French silver coin had circulated in England that an English groat was first minted under King Edward I. The last groats were minted under the reign of Elizabeth I of England. Half groats (worth two pence) continued to be minted by James I, Charles I and the commonwealth. When Charles II came to the throne he introduced the Fourpence and the term groat, ceased to be.



Top: Henry VIII groat found this month by Simon Morgan  
Bottom: Charles II fourpence found by Mimzy

## SEPTEMBER CLUB FINDS







Roman Buckle: Finder Mimzy  
Hawkes Dunning variant 350-450



Double Loop Annular Buckle  
1350-1650 Finder: Joolz



Guernsey 1 Double Finder: Kate



Mary Groat Finder: Joolz



Found by Andrew John Harrison beach hunting  
Alas not a real Escudos Spanish Gold Cob which would be worth tens  
of thousands of pounds  
And Andrew found two