

Derbyshire County Council

Meeting with Cabinet Member, Health and Communities

17 June 2014

Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

**AWARD FOR FUNDING FROM TREASURE PLUS FOR BUXTON MUSEUM
AND ART GALLERY**

1. Purpose of the report:

To inform the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities of the successful award of a grant from Treasure Plus and to request permission to spend the grant

2. Information and analysis:

- 2.1 In 2013 Buxton Museum and Art Gallery acquired through the National Treasure process a hoard of silver long cross pennies (21 coins with additional fragments) from the reign of Henry III, dating from around 1260. They were found by a metal detector in Kirk Ireton parish, near Ashbourne, who declared them to the Finds Liaison Officer. The county has an agreed process of dealing with archaeological material, and material from this parish is deposited at Buxton Museum. This hoard is an important addition to a small collection of medieval material from the Peak District, which includes later medieval coins found locally.
- 2.2 In 2013 the Art Fund announced a new tranche of grants designed to help museums of all sizes make the most of their Treasure and archaeological artefacts, and bring these objects to life. Buxton Museum submitted an application to conserve, display and interpret the Kirk Ireton hoard and other medieval coins.
- 2.3 The application was successful with an award of £9,000, and the project should be completed within the financial year.

3. Financial consideration

- 3.1 The Art Fund has awarded the project a grant of £9,000. The balance will be found from museum budgets and from the Friends of Buxton Museum and Art Gallery, to a total of £11,575.
- 3.2 The contracts for the conservation, display and activities will be advertised through Source Derbyshire.

4. Equality of Opportunity

Coins are very difficult items to display well in museums despite being amongst the most familiar objects to visitors. Having these coins cleaned, researched, displayed and interpreted will bring the medieval period to life for visitors in the museum. The museum intends to deliver two public activities (one near Kirk Ireton parish) and public lectures to share the information better, and will publish material in local journals and online.

5. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

6. Background papers:

None

7. Key Decision:

No

8. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?
No

9. Strategic Director's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities notes the report and agrees to the expenditure of the grant

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