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**Inverness Museum & Art Gallery
Notification of find for consideration by Treasure Trove Advisory Panel**

Object/s: hammered coins

Details: Sunnybank x3
Burghfield x12
Castlegate x1

Finder: details with IMAG

Date of find: 1996-7

Method: metal detector finds

Findspot NGR: Sunnybank NH 798 903 NH795E0042
Burghfield NH 795 900 NH795E0043
Castlegate NH 787 673 NH76NE0044

Location: Sunnybank & Burghfield = Dornoch, Sutherland
Castlegate = Cromarty, Ross & Cromarty

Details:

IMAG Entry no: 1136

Date: 27.2.1997

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John, more of Mike Bellons metal detecting
jobs from Dornoch & immediate area.
- includes some nice medieval pieces.

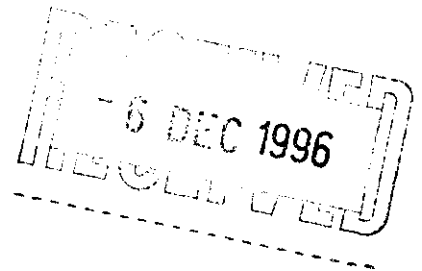
As so little is known about medieval Dornoch
I'm thinking about publishing a selection from
this & the previous batch, maybe in
Medieval Arch if they're interested. *clear/submit*

Date of find: c.1995-6

- Findspot:** all finds from Dornoch area:
1. Achinchanter (NH 798 907)
 2. Burghfield (NH 795 900)
 3. Spoil heaps (Dornoch) (NH 795 894)
 4. Balloan (NH 793 903)
 5. Sunny Bank (NH 798 903)

Details:

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CATALOGUE OF METAL DETECTOR FINDS MADE BY MIKE GALLON IN DORNOCH AREA, SUTHERLAND, HIGHLAND.

notes: - all measurements in mm (at max.) L=length W=width T=thickness D=diameter
- all objects are copper alloy unless otherwise stated
- brooch/buckle pins missing unless otherwise stated

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1. pin with solid head & ropework collar L:133 [later medieval type]
2. rectilinear plate/fitting decorated on one side with incised broad interlace design. Single (broken) perforation at one end. L:68 W:28

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Achinchanter (NH 798 907)

3. shoe buckle with decorated rectangular frame L:38 W:30 frame W:6 [C18 type]
4. buckle with waisted & lipped D-shaped frame L:25 W:3 [?later medieval type]
5. plain D-shaped buckle with central bar (broken) L:35 W:23 [C17-18 type]
6. rectangular lipped buckle with central bar L:38 W:22 [C17-18 type]
7. rectangular frame buckle with central bar (broken) L:42 W:20 [C17-18 type]
8. buckle with D-shaped frame and central bar L:33 W:23 [C17-18 type]
9. narrowed rectangular buckle with central bar L:25 W:20 [C17-18 type]
10. ornate rectangular shoe buckle decorated with rosette motif L:37 W:27 [C18 type]
11. square ?harness buckle with offset bar L:28 W:25 [post medieval type]
12. rectangular plate ?mount with D-shaped wings (one perforated) & 2 rivets/studs on reverse. Inscr. S.I.G. EMBO L:65 W:22 [post medieval]
13. decorated rectangular strip (bent) decorated with incised lozenge motif L:55 W:9
14. chain/jangle of 6 rings attached to mount (bent) L:28 W:8 ring D:15 [post medieval]

15. tin/alloy heart-shaped ?mount (broken) with ropework edge. Inscr. C.F. W:11 L:18 [post medieval]

16. lead/alloy square ?coin weight inscr. K.E. L/W:17

Burghfield (NH 795 900)

17. double oval curved frame buckle L:28 W:25 [C18 type]

18. D-shaped buckle with central bar L:35 W:22 [C17-18 type]

19. waisted rectangular lipped curved buckle with central bar L:34 W:22 [C17-18 type]

20. rectangular buckle with curved frame & central bar & attached pin L:23 W:19 [C17-18 type]

21. oval buckle with ornate lipped frame (bent) and narrowed offset bar L:35 W:20 [C13+ type]

22. plain circular frame buckle/loop D:25 [post medieval]

23. buckle with trapezoidal frame and spurs L:21 W:11 [post medieval]

24. rectangular buckle with iron pin (corroded) L:20 W:12

25. solid plate strap end with tongue & knob decoration L:24 W:20

26. decorated ?mount L:35 W:11

27. rivetted rectangular plate/mount decorated with ring-dot on rivetted side L:35 W:13 [?C18]

28. strap end of folded single sheet, tapering end, undecorated W:16 L:17

29. scallop-shaped stud/mount with rivet on reverse W:13 [later medieval type]

30. ?brassed hook with rivet L:33 [post medieval]

31. circular weight with raised edge and decorated with concentric incised lines & inscr. "20 S" T:7 D:39

32. x4 oval spoon bowls (stems absent) L:39/39/39/34 W:20/19/20/18

33. buckle with oval lipped frame and integral plate (broken) W:22 L:25 [C14+ type]

34. rectangular frame shoe buckle L:35 W:25 [C18 type]
35. plain circular frame buckle with pin D:19 [C14+ type]
36. oval buckle with offset bar L:23 W:16 [C16+ type]
37. buckle with D-shaped frame and pronounced collared knob L:21 W:15 [C13-15 type]
38. square shoe buckle with ornate frame L:28 W:28 [C18 type]
39. buckle chape with single spike L:22 W:19 [C17-18 type]
40. D-shaped buckle with narrowed offset bar and pin, decorated with incised lines at lip L:14 W:10 [?later medieval]
41. one piece finger ring with diamond-shaped bezel (setting missing) D:23
42. frustum-headed pin, bent L:105 [C13+ type]
43. casket key with solid shank bored at end. Circular bow & solid L-shaped ward L:34 [late medieval+ type]
44. lead repair of large glazed vessel. Rectangular repair strip L:27 W:15. Pot yellow glazed (ext) fabric T:8 [post medieval]
45. ?material seal impression D:19 obv: shield with crown "1603" Rev: crest
46. as above D:21 obv: cross "P" Rev: ?
47. as above D:21 obv: "R A 289" Rev: shield with crown above
48. as above D:14 obv: shield Rev: shield
49. as above D:25 obv: "S.P. C.C.P.H. 1775" Rev: "A.K. A & 3TH Hb H 126"
50. as above D:12 obv: crowned fleur Rev:
51. as above D:30 obv: ANDREW PETER WAKE...648 (overstamped)
52. hexagonal annular brooch with overlap joint held by pin L:44 W:5 [later medieval type]
53. rowel spur (rowel missing & terminals detached) [later medieval+]

54. small spoon with rectangular suspension loop in trapezoidal handle L:46 bowl D:18
55. single piece iron ?strap end/fitting. Rectangular plate with ornate terminals L:53 W:13 [post medieval]
56. hinged ?casket mount/fitting. "Butterfly"-shaped plate attached to openwork fitting, rivetted on reverse.
57. Rivetted mount of toothed form with x2 rivets at either end, decorated with incised lines L:23 W:13
58. ?balance stirrup of D- and flat section with moulded decoration L:78 [?medieval]
59. tapering strip/mount with x6 pegs along length and x1 rivet. Recked decoration with incised zig-zag. W:9 L:51
60. rivetted/hinged fitting with trefoil head L:18
61. harness mount with ornate openwork scalloped edge and attached loop. 2 curved integral rivets. L:40 W:34
62. circular weight inscr: "S 21" D:18
63. rivetted rectangular plate inscr: "SHERIFF M.KEN...DORNOCH" L:49 W:15
64. lead alloy mount inscr: "C.R.PARIS.BREVETE" L:40 W:19

Spoil Heaps (NH 795 894)

65. double oval ?shoe buckle with pin L:25 W:8 [later medieval+ type]
66. ferrule of overlapped single sheet L:86 D (top):10
67. cast ?furniture mount of cruciform shape with scallop shaped arms and knobbed foot [post medieval]
68. rivetted rectangular strap connector plate, top plate decorated with crude X-shaped motif within rectangular panel linking the 4 rivets (2 pairs). Rough pecked decoration also visible on outer edge. L:22 W:16 T:3 [later medieval type]
69. ?harness fitting hook with decorated plate, perforated at base. Plate decorated with x3 square panels of incised zig-zag. Boss at top of plate. L(plate):45 W:8

70. mirror case single disc with lugs detached. Decorated with double lines of opposed punched triangles in form of cross. Similar double line diametrically. D:30. [comparable with MOL Dress Accessories no.1715 p.362 C13-C14]

71. jet bead of D-section, rectangular with rounded ends. Lozenge motif decoration on upper surface. Perforated through narrow side L:41 W:14 T:9 [C19 type]

72. single piece casket key with T-shaped ward and thick circular bow. Open-ended shank. D:16 L:52 [later medieval+ type]

73. ornate openwork mount with attached loop. Oval ?glass setting. L:27 W:10 [post medieval]

74. x2 fragments of lead alloy ?badge

a) trefoil within ?mitre L:15 W:14

b) leaf-shaped with leather frag. attached to rear loop L:24 W:10

Balloan (NH 793 903)

75. double sheet metal strap end. Upper sheet has hooked end (?for attachment of hinged buckle) and is decorated with incised diamond & ring dot motif. attached to recessed lower plate by 3 rivets. L:49 W(plate):13 W:19 [C15 type decoration]

76. rectangular plate decorated on one side with double line of opposed punched triangles in lozenge motif & down long edges. L:32 W:11 T:0.5 [C13-15 type decoration]

77. folded rectangular sheet for hinged buckle. Hinge bar present, buckle/pin detached. Rectangular plate L:39 W:18 decorated with worn ?punched triangles. 2 rivets at back of plate. [later medieval type]

78. double frame trapezoid buckle with pronounced lip projection at both ends L:40 W:19 [?C17 type]

79. x2 shoe buckle tongues [C18+ type]

80. solid ?strap end with forked end L:22 W:15

81. reversible annular brooch (bent & broken) with constriction. Frame W:7. Both sides decorated with incised bands [later medieval type]

82. ornate dragonesque cast strap end showing biting beast L:49 W:9

83. square ?weight L:16 W:15 T:1

84. ornate curved plate/mount L:53 W:12

85. circular disc ?spur rowel with scalloped surface & edge. Central perforation. D:36
86. single piece circular loop frame D:18
87. finger ring of plain D-section with butted ends D:16
88. ring with bezel setting (missing) decorated with triple ring dot on both shoulders of loop D:18
89. "Royal Navy" anchor badge. Pin missing.
90. shoe buckle with ornate rectangular frame L:42 W:35 [C18 type]
91. small oval frame buckle with narrowed offset bar L:16 W:14 [post medieval type]
92. oval shoe buckle with linear pecked decoration on curved frame L:38 W:29 [C18 type]
93. "waisted" D-shaped lipped buckle with moulded sides L:28 W:26 [C16 type]
94. asymmetrical D-shaped buckle with moulded central bar L:35 W:36 [C16-17 type]
95. small wedge-shaped buckle with thickened outer plate and narrowed offset bar & bent wire swivelling pin L:16 W:11
96. shoe buckle with ornate curved openwork frame (broken) L:45 W:36 [C18 type]
97. star-shaped 8-point annular brooch with constriction and swivelling pin. Frame decorated with incised lines (illeg.) D:34 [later medieval]
98. plain D-section finger ring D:20 frame W:2
99. plain D-section finger ring D:20 frame W:3
100. rectangular weight inscr. obv/rev "3Y" L:18 W:16

Sunny Bank (NH 798 903)

101. shoe buckle with plain curved rectangular frame & rounded ends L:33 W:25 [C18 type]
102. shoe buckle with curved ornate rectangular frame L:37 W:29 [C18 type]
103. oval shoe buckle with ornate curved frame L:42 W:28 [C18 type]

104. plain oval shoe buckle L:38 W:28 [C18 type]
105. rectangular section (fragment), upper surface decorated with black ceramic glazed triangles and central white rosette L:28 W:10 [post medieval]
106. trefoil-shaped mount with countersunk perforation at top. Incised decoration. L: 29 W:25
107. plain finger ring with D-section & butted joint D:18 frame W:2
108. as above, with flat section D:19 frame W:2
109. gold wedding ring with D-section & internal mark "S.V" D:21 frame W:2
110. x3 nails with squared flat heads L:23/25/32
111. heraldic pendant of oval form with suspension loop. Decorated single side (worn) with ?crowned figure D:18 [later medieval type]
112. heart-shaped mount with integral 3 rivets on reverse. Decorated with crude incised thistle L:43 W:39
113. square mount with perforated corner extensions for 4 rivets (one corner missing). Leather frags. preserved between 2 rivets. Plate decorated with incised lines of pecked herringbone motif and crudely incised irregular lines, which also follow plate edge. plate L: 19 perf. D:2.5 [?medieval type]
114. ornate pendant/mount consisting of oval plate with x2 loops on shoulders & rectangular loop on top. Broken loop on base. Worn decoration in ?floral motif L:35 W:22
115. fragment from top of silver luckenbooth brooch reverse inscr. "K" L:19 [post medieval type]
116. as above inscr. "-M & E.R." L:19
117. mounts:
- a. sexfoil flat mount with central perforation & x2 integral rivets W:14 [C14-15 type]
 - b. sexfoil domed mount with x2 integral rivets W:14 [C14-15 type]
 - c. octofoil flat mount with central perforation & x2 integral rivets D:19 [C14-15 type]
 - d. as above D:19
 - e. x5 misc. rivetted mounts

118. D-shaped buckle with narrowed offset bar with central break. Notches for pin in frame
L:29 W:25 [later medieval+ type]

119. D-shaped buckle (bent) with central bar and lipped frame with moulded ends to
central bar. L:28 W:23 [C17-18 type]

120. D-shaped buckle with central bar L:26 W:17 [C17-18 type]

121. as above ?silvered L:27 W:18

122. large D-shaped buckle with moulded sides & splayed feet at junction with bar.
Wedge shaped outer frame decorated with curved incised lines L:36 W:35 [C16-17 type]

123. frag. silver reversible annular brooch with constriction. Side 1 decorated with
opposed curved lines of punched triangles, side 2 with zones of incised lines. Orig.
diam:40 frame W:8 [later medieval type]

124. x3 broken double oval frame buckles incl. pins W:25 [later medieval+ types]

125. x50 assorted buttons incl. Sutherland Police, Highland Railway, Police Force,
"Dornoch" & ?Sutherland Light Militia

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LIST OF METAL DETECTING FINDS MADE BY MIKE GALLON
Inverness Museum Entry nos. 1078 & 1082

SMALL FINDS

Entry 1078

note: - brooch/buckle pins missing unless otherwise stated

1. Roman-British trumpet brooch (NH 797 903). Cheaper cast type of C2 date in poor condition. Sharply curved bow with pin and catch plate missing. Crudely worked with blind chain loop decorated with rosette and no indication of enamelling. Mid-bow button decorated with ?rosette (worn). L: 42mm.
2. NH 798 905 copper alloy annular brooch fragment decorated with incised lines
D(orig.): 60mm W(frame): 14mm
3. NH 799 905 copper alloy annular brooch fragment decorated with incised lines
D(orig.): 40mm W(frame): 40mm
4. NH 796 899 copper alloy ?brooch consisting of interwoven circular-section bar wound around ?brass bar L: 48mm
5. NH 796 894 copper alloy buckle with circular frame decorated with regular incised hachures on outer edge D: 23mm [C14+ type]
6. NH 796 899 ?silvered copper alloy buckle with plain circular frame decorated with incised diagonal lines D: 19mm [C14+ type]
7. NH 792 902 copper alloy open frame brooch in shape of 8-pointed star. Base of swivelling pin attached to frame constriction. Decorated with radiating incised lines running to points. D: 32mm [medieval type]
8. NH 796 894 copper-alloy 8-lobed open frame brooch, broken at constriction. Decorated with incised diagonal hachures. D: 42mm [medieval type]
9. NH 796 894 copper alloy annular brooch frag. decorated with incised hachures.
D(orig.): 32mm W(frame): 7mm [medieval type]
10. NH 797 901 copper alloy reversible annular brooch frag. decorated with crude incised pattern D(orig.): 40mm W(frame): 7mm [medieval type]
11. NH 796 894 copper alloy annular brooch frag. with incised herringbone decoration
D(orig.): 60mm W(frame): 9mm [medieval type]



12. NH 796 894 copper alloy annular brooch frag. decorated with incised lines D(orig.): 40mm W(frame): 8mm
13. NH 792 902 copper alloy hexagonal open frame brooch, broken at constriction. Decorated with crude incised lines D: 49mm W: 4mm [medieval type]
14. NH 796 898 copper alloy octagonal open frame brooch in 2 parts with pin base attached. Incised decoration D: 35mm W: 8mm [medieval type]
15. NH 798 906 copper alloy large undecorated annular brooch frag. D(orig.): 80mm W: 20mm
16. NH 796 894 copper alloy annular brooch frag. with constriction, decorated with incised grooves. D(orig.): 70mm W: 6mm
17. NH 796 894 copper alloy ?buckle frag. with part of central bar. Decorated with "x", dot & ?floral motif L: 27mm [?later post-med]
18. NH 796 894 copper alloy buckle with plain circular frame D: 22mm [C15+ type]
19. NH 796 894 copper alloy annular brooch broken at constriction. Reversible decoration with incised triangular motifs. D: 38mm W: 7mm
20. NH 796 906 copper alloy annular brooch fragment with perforation for ?pin. Decorated with incised zig-zag lines D: 41mm W: 8mm
21. NH 796 894 silvered copper alloy annular brooch broken at constriction & bent. Decorated with incised wavy lines. D: 33mm W: 7mm [medieval type]
22. NH 797 899 copper alloy plain circular buckle with pin. Decorated with incised lines along outer edge. D: 20mm
23. NH 797 899 copper alloy plain circular buckle with pin. Undecorated. D: 21mm
24. NH 796 894 copper alloy oval frame buckle with offset narrowed bar (broken). Notches for pin in frame. L: 30mm
25. NH 797 901 copper alloy ?hinged single-piece strap end with rivetted fastening and hinged ?loop L: 48mm W(max): 8mm
26. NH 802 906 copper alloy spoon bowl fragment with small section of flat section stem. Rear of stem base decorated with 2 incised parallel grooves. Spoon bowl round/oval. [medieval type]

27. NH 798 906 copper alloy spoon bowl fragment with part of flat section stem. Stem rear decorated with incised criss-cross pattern. ?wedge-shaped bowl
28. NH 798 903 iron dirk pommel of scallop design WL 18mm
29. NH 796 894 ?iron dirk pommel decorated with 3 open lobes W: 20mm
30. NH 798 906 ?lead alloy ?badge in shape of crude horse L: 45mm
31. NH 798 906 copper alloy seal matrix with pierced trefoil head (seal back-back "B" separated by triple "X" L: 28mm [post-medieval])
32. NH 798 906 copper alloy single piece ?strap end with pecked decoration on edge L: 58mm [post-medieval]
33. NH 798 906 copper alloy earscoop of round rod section with broken ?suspension loop at opposite end L: 76mm [medieval type]
34. NH 796 894 copper alloy bar of circular section, perforated at one end and squared at other. ?part of balance or purse bar L: 78mm.
35. NH 795 899 copper alloy open-headed short pin with double armed head forming loop L: 51mm
36. NH 794 903 as above L: 53mm
37. NH 794 902 copper alloy ?pin of rectangular section bar with broken ?open head L: 71mm
38. NH 798 906 lead alloy round headed ?nail L: 80mm
39. NH 797 903 copper alloy solid head pin L: 90mm [medieval type]
40. NH 795 899 copper alloy pin with flattened scallop-shaped solid head with collar beneath. L: 95mm
41. NH 797 905 copper alloy ring (topless) thimble of rather straight-sided profile with regular punch decoration D(top): 16mm D(base): 20mm [?early post-medieval]
42. NH 797 905 copper alloy curved implement with central perforated rosette and curved (broken) blunt blade forming "strigil" shape L: 100mm