

	<b>CO.TT.78/13</b>		
<b>TTDB.2013/216</b>	<b>TREASURE TROVE</b>		<b>No finds:1</b>
<b>Artefact type:</b> Ingot	<b>Period/Culture:</b> Early Historic	<b>Date:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> century	
<b>Findspot (Private):</b>		<b>NGR:</b> NH71 89	
<b>Place (Public):</b> Clashmore		<b>Local Authority:</b> Highland	
<b>Method of discovery:</b> archaeological intervention/chance/ <b>metal-detecting</b> (Highlight as <b>bold</b> )			
<b>Artefact(s) description:</b>			
<p>A piece of Early Historic hack silver, cut from a larger bar shaped ingot. Before the introduction of coinage silver ingots were the standard way to store wealth for trade or for use by silversmiths. In a British context they are most often associated with Viking activity, although the slightly later adoption of coinage in Scotland (by the 12<sup>th</sup> century) suggests that ingots may have remained in use rather longer. A similar piece of hacksilver (this one a piece of Viking bracelet, TT case 84/10) was found closer to Dornoch and is now in Dornoch Historylinks Museum. A Viking tortoisehell brooch was also discovered in Ospisdale in 1830 (acquired for NMAS in 1933).</p> <p>As with the earlier find from Dornoch, these are unusual as single finds and normally comprise part of a hoard. Metal detecting has been particular useful at turning up the single finds which may represent loss during trade rather than hoarding practices.</p>			
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**Museum allocation: Historylinks Museum, Dornoch**

**Estimate reward:**

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