

# Shipping Mr Dig: The Ancient Find



## The Discovery

In July 2009, metal detectorist Terry Herbert was scanning a field in Staffordshire, England, when his detector picked up a strong signal. He began to dig, and soon he uncovered a small gold object. He continued to dig, and soon he realized that he had found a hoard of gold and silver treasure. The hoard contained over 1,500 pieces of gold and silver, including jewelry, coins, and weapons. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found.

Herbert contacted the Portable Antiquities Scheme, a government-funded organization that records and catalogues archaeological finds. The hoard was declared treasure trove, which means that it became the property of the British Crown. Herbert was awarded a small reward for finding the hoard, but he claimed that he was entitled to a share of the find because he had discovered it on his own property.



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## The Legal Battle

The case went to court, and in 2012, Herbert was awarded a share of the hoard. The judge ruled that Herbert was entitled to a share of the hoard because he had discovered it on his own property, even though it was declared treasure trove. The case set a precedent for future cases involving the ownership of archaeological finds.

## The Staffordshire Hoard

The Staffordshire Hoard is now on display at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. It is one of the most important archaeological finds in British history, and it provides a valuable insight into the lives of the Anglo-Saxons.

## The Significance of the Find

The Staffordshire Hoard is significant for a number of reasons. First, it is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found. This indicates that the Anglo-Saxons were a wealthy and prosperous people.

Second, the hoard provides a valuable insight into the lives of the Anglo-Saxons. The objects in the hoard include jewelry, coins, and weapons, which give us a glimpse into the everyday lives of the Anglo-Saxons.

Third, the hoard is a reminder of the importance of archaeology. Archaeology can help us to understand the past and to learn about the people who lived before us.

The Staffordshire Hoard is a remarkable find that has shed new light on the lives of the Anglo-Saxons. It is a valuable reminder of the importance of archaeology and the power of human curiosity.



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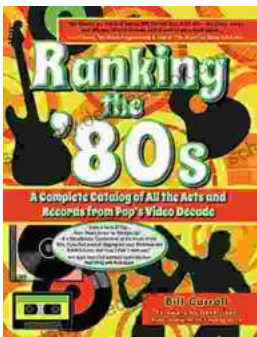
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