

## The Golden Treasure of Monkston Park



**Lying undiscovered in Milton Keynes land for 2000 years!**

These three gold bracelets, two gold neck ornaments (torcs) and their fragile pottery container were discovered in a field due for development at Monkston Park in Milton Keynes in September 2000.

At a Coroner's Inquest in March 2001, this find of national historical significance was declared as Treasure under the Treasure Act 1996.

The five solid-gold ornaments weigh over 2kg and date from c1150 – 800 BC, so the treasure is extremely rare. The British Museum considered the hoard an essential acquisition, and acquired it from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport for £290,000.



*'Nowhere in Milton Keynes meets Government standards of display, security and environmental control, but if Milton Keynes Heritage Association and Milton Keynes Council succeed in their efforts, it will not be long before the original hoard can be displayed here – something I would personally like to see for the benefit of heritage within the area and for the people of Milton Keynes.'*

Shane Downer, Senior Heritage Officer,  
Milton Keynes Council

The treasure was briefly displayed at Buckinghamshire County Museum but replicas can still be seen at Milton Keynes Museum.

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