Objects and Landscape: understanding the medieval period through finds recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme

Portable Antiquities Scheme Conference
Stevenson Lecture Theatre, British Museum
Monday 22nd October 2012
09.30 - 17.30

This conference aims to highlight how PAS data has been used to advance knowledge of material culture, and outline the research potential of this data for understanding the medieval landscape.

In contrast to researchers interested in the Roman and Early Medieval periods (in particular) medievalists have not made as much use of PAS data as they might. Although papers presented at this conference will highlight advances in the studies of dress accessories, papal bullae, pilgrim’s signs etc., and their distribution, it is apparent that many other artefact types desperately warrant similar academic treatment. Less understood is any sense of the relevance of these artefacts for interpreting the medieval landscape, and it is this which will be considered in the second part of the conference.

Speakers include: Laura Burnett, Anni Byard, Teresa Gilmore, Dr Letty ten Harkel, Richard Kelleher, Dr Kevin Leahy, Dr Michael Lewis, Martin Locker, Dr Tim Pestell, Dr Andrew Rogerson, Dr Eleanor Standley and David Williams.

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