

## March 2008

### **Dr Tim Pestell is appointed as a member of the Treasure Valuation Committee.**

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Dr Tim Pestell has been appointed a Treasure Valuation Committee member. His term of appointment will run from 12 February 2008 to 11 February 2012.

### **Biographical notes**

Tim Pestell is Curator of Archaeology for the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service with responsibility for its designated Post-Roman collections (2002 to date). In this post, he is responsible for discharging Norwich Castle Museum's responsibilities under the Treasure Act 1996, an important regional museum sited in an area of England which reports the most Treasure finds. Prior to this, he acted as an archaeological consultant working on the post-excavation of major archaeological excavations, and produced small finds reports. He also lectured in Landscape Archaeology and History at the University of East Anglia, where he conducted undergraduate teaching (1988 to 2002). He has not undertaken any political activity in the past five years.

Dr Pestell is unable to consider cases of Treasure found in Norfolk coming before the Treasure Valuation Committee.

### Background

The Treasure Valuation Committee provides independent advice to the Secretary of State on the fair market value of declared Treasure finds from England, Wales, and Northern Ireland which museums wish to acquire from the Crown. Its membership comprises experts on the range of antiquities submitted for valuation, and on museums and their collections. In addition, the membership includes individuals who represent the interests of finders.

TVC members give their services on an honorary basis. However, reasonable travel and subsistence is paid.

This reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.