Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

Metal Detecting & Historical Field Research
by Alan Chapman
Monday 28th September 2026

7.30 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall.
£4 adults 50p anyone in full time education.

Alan is a member of the Blaydon and District Search and Recovery Association, go on-line and you will see that the Newcastle Journal has recorded some of the more spectacular finds club members have discovered over a very long period.
In September 2022 our local press reported: The Institute of Detectorists said finding treasure gave historians a valuable insight into the past, but encouraged hobbyists to practice responsible metal detecting. The Treasure Act, introduced in 1997, defines treasure as discoveries older than 300 years. These include coins, prehistoric metallic objects and artefacts that are at least 10 per cent precious metal such as gold or silver. All potential treasure finds are processed by the British Museum, whose experts advise coroners on whether the find fits the definition of treasure. If a coroner rules that it is treasure both local and national museum are given the chance to acquire the pieces, and the finder will be paid a sum depending on the treasure's value.
I understand Alan and his group, who are known for notable historical artifact discoveries, have some very interesting photographs and examples to show us. There will be lots of finds and artefacts on display from all periods of history.

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