

## And (far from) finally...

Last November a team of archaeologists and volunteers found more artefacts at the hoard site, during a planned metal-detecting and fieldwalking survey funded by Staffordshire County Council and English Heritage, and organised by Archaeology Warwickshire. Most of the new items, 81 of which were later attributed to the original hoard and declared treasure, are tiny fragments, including some further impressed helmet foils. But among them was another helmet cheek piece, matching that already found.

In April the Treasure Valuation Committee assessed the discovery at £57,395. Within hours of the launch of a campaign to raise the money, Wartski, a

family-owned jeweller founded in north Wales in 1865 and now based in London, offered to fund the purchase outright for Birmingham and Stoke. Wartski is an appropriate sponsor for a collection of antique elite craftsmanship. The firm made the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding ring, specialises in fine jewellery and works by Fabergé, and has a tradition of publishing research and curating exhibitions.

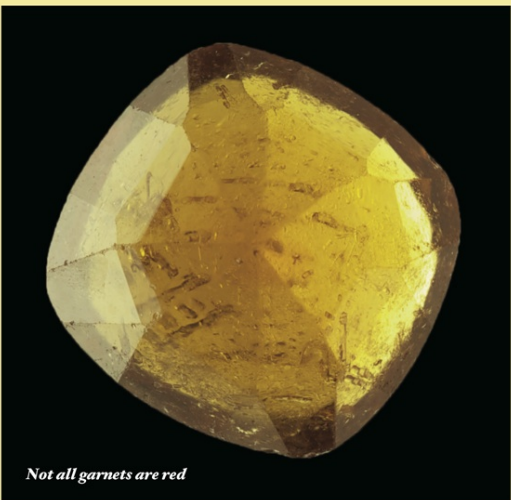
“Someone had stumbled upon the golden treasures”



*Filigree*



*The iconic filigree-decorated "seahorse"*



*Not all garnets are red*



*Decorative cloisonné mount*

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