

# This Belongs in a Museum!

Collaborating with Norwegian metal-detectorists

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# Bergen University Museum (est. 1825)



- One of the Faculties of the University of Bergen
- Holder of one the largest archaeological and ethnographical collections in Norway (also church and rural art, coins and medals)
- Responsible for all archaeological fieldwork, heritage management & conservation in the county of Vestland (incl. Hordaland, Sogn & Fjordane and Sunnmøre)
- In addition, we do research & research dissemination, e.g., through our exhibitions
- We take part in contemporary discussions

## 229 employees:

- 23 professors/associate professors
- 8 researchers
- 11 PhD researchers
- 187 technical/administrative staff





# The detecting scene in Norway (Vestlandet)

- Monuments and sites older than 1537 are automatically protected by law (CHA 1978/§ 4) in Norway and available online in [Askeladden](#) or [Kulturminnesøk](#)
- Detectorists are advised not to detect in mountain areas or forests and not to dig deeper than the plough soil layers
- Ca 2500-3000 reported detecting finds/year
- Objects found by avocational metal-detectorists needs to be handed in to the counties/University Museums:
  - Coins prior to 1650
  - Other artefacts prior to 1537
  - Sámi materials over 100 years of age

Year	Artefacts
1998	1
2010	4
2011	14
2012	13
2013	15
2014	38
2015	27
2016	16
2017	16
2018	32
2019	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>

Table J.6: Private metal detecting.







Archaeology Day at the Museum,  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

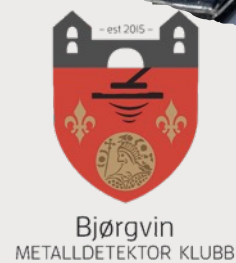






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# Objects matters!



# The NMF online museum

(<https://nmf.nu/museum/>)



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## Gjenstander



Yngre romertid (200-400) (30)



Folkevandringstid (400-550) (189)



Bronsealder (1800-500 f.kr) (67)



Eldre jernalder (500 f.Kr-550 e.Kr) (291)



Yngre jernalder (550-1066) (958)



Merovingertid (550-793) (251)



Før-romersk jernalder (500 f.Kr-0) (9)



Eldre romertid (0-200) (60)



Vikingtid (793-1066) (708)



Middelalder (1066-1537) (590)





## Bokbeslag

Kategorier: [Alle gjenstander](#),  
[Bokbeslag](#), [Gjenstander](#),  
[Gjenstander 1537-1814](#)

**Materiale:** Kobberlegering

**Lengde:** 32 og 33mm

**Bredde:** 8 og 9 mm

**Tykkelse:** 3,5 og 4,5mm

**Diameter:** innvendige hull er 2mm.Ø. Utvendig hull er 5,5mm.Ø.

**Vekt:** 1,9 gram og 3,4 gram

### Funnopplysninger:

**Funnet av:** Trygve Måleng

**Dato:** Den 21 Mai og den 14 Juni 2009.

**Fylke:** Østfold

**Kommune:** Moss

**Type terreng:** Dyrket mark

## Gjenstander 1537-1814

Viser 1–40 av 323 resultater

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# To sum up

- We need an app to record metal detecting finds!
- Most detecting finds needs to undergo archaeological fieldwork before we can say if it is from a casual loss or from an unknown archaeological site
  - Certain brooch types are definitely more likely to be lost than others
- All University Museums should offer education to detectorists
  - Some counties have annual detecting meetings, some don't
  - Striving for a more systematic approach (e.g. tracklogging, making field notes)
- We need more collaboration, more interaction and more understanding
  - The possibilities should be the same for everyone!





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