



The Friends of Brading Roman Villa are celebrating 20 years since the commencement of the Treasure Act.

All activities are FREE.

During the weekend of 21st & 22nd October, **(from 10am to 4pm)** the Friends will be holding a two day event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the "Treasure Act".

The Portable Antiquities Scheme, which is part of the act, requires all small finds to be reported to the County Finds Liaison Officer for identification. The Portable Antiquities Scheme is overseen by the British Museum.

The weekend will consist of:

1. Saturday 21st: Mr Bob Seely, MP for the Isle of Wight, will be at the Villa between 10am and noon. He will give a short presentation on his vision for Heritage on the Isle of Wight. Councillors John Hobart, (*Cabinet Member for Environment / Heritage*) and Michael Murwill (*Member for Brading, St Helens and Bembridge*) will be in attendance.
2. Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd: Mr Frank Basford, the Island's Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme, will be at the Villa to look at any artefacts that you would like identified. (*NOTE: on Sunday 22nd Mr Basford will be at the Villa from 12 noon to 4pm*)
3. Children bringing along an artefact for identification will be issued with a finder's certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: Mr Basford cannot give valuations for your objects.

4. Saturday 21st: the Isle of Wight Heritage Service will be bringing along some of the treasures found on the Island plus a badge making machine so people can make their own treasure inspired badges to take home.
5. Vectis Searchers, one of the Island's metal detector clubs, will be on site to show their finds.
6. Ann Evans, our Outreach Officer, will be in attendance to talk about the Villa's Handling Collection, and to give several short talks about Roman life.
7. There will be a collection of photographs showing treasure found on the Island over the years.
8. The Villa Restaurant will be selling examples of Roman food.
9. A selection of books will be for sale.