

# Galloway Hoard to go on Scottish tour

The Scottish Government announced funding of £150,000 towards the cost of taking the Galloway Hoard on tour. This is the discovery of rare and unique Viking age objects which was discovered in 2014. It is currently being restored at the National Museums Collection Centre in Edinburgh.

It was acquired by NMS for £1.98 million and is the richest collection ever found in Britain or Ireland.

It includes over 100 gold silver and other items.



Dr Gordon Rintoul, Director of National Museums Scotland, Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop and Dr Martin Goldberg, Senior Curator of Archaeology examine the Galloway Hoard which, it has just been announced, will be going on display at the National Museum of Scotland in May 2020 before going on tour to Kirkcudbright Galleries, Aberdeen Art Gallery and The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum thanks to funding from the Scottish Government.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop said : "The Galloway Hoard is one of the most important collections ever discovered in Scotland and I am

pleased that this tour will allow for the hoard to be made available for the people of Scotland and our visitors in the years to come.

“The Galloway Hoard opens a window on a significant period in the history of Scotland and shows the important role that our archaeological heritage plays in Scotland’s culture. The Scottish Government has been working closely with National Museums Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Council and all partners involved to support the tour of the Hoard in 2020.

“I am delighted that we are now able to provide £150,000 towards this tour for the benefit of people all across Scotland.”

Dr Gordon Rintoul, Director of National Museums Scotland said,

“We are extremely grateful to the Scottish Government for their support of the acquisition of the Galloway Hoard and now its conservation and the exhibition tour.

“The Galloway Hoard is an outstanding collection of Viking-age objects and our research into this find will transform current interpretation of Scottish history.

“I am delighted that thanks to generous funding from the Scottish Government we will be able to take the Galloway Hoard beyond our walls to museums across Scotland and ensure that the greatest possible number of people have the opportunity to enjoy this remarkable treasure.”

Galloway Hoard exhibition tour dates:

National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, May – November 2020

Kirkcudbright Galleries, Kirkcudbright, December 2020–September 2021

Aberdeen Art Gallery, October 2021 –January 2022

The McManus: Dundee’s Art Gallery and Museum, February – late August 2022

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