

AMAZING AGENT RECOVERS ANCIENT ARTEFACT

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The famous Sutton Hoo helmet rescued by the brave secret agent.

After 7 weeks of worry, the priceless Sutton Hoo helmet was returned to its home in the British Museum.

At 9:35 this morning relieved curator, Sue Brunning, announced that the Sutton Hoo helmet was returned to the Anglo-Saxon display in her gallery. It was recovered by a skilled secret agent who wished to remain anonymous to protect their identity. This historically important object was stolen by a gang of international art thieves who wanted to sell it for £1,000,000.

It is believed that the agent was asked by the Museum to follow the trail of the thieves shortly after the terrible crime had been committed. Their amazing adventure took them halfway across the globe to India. Once there, they tracked the hardened criminals from New Delhi by train to the Amber Fort in Jaipur. It was here that the heroic agent met with the mysterious professor in the star shaped garden in the centre of the fort. The professor became a vital part of the recovery operation, helping the agent decipher and solve clues along the way. Together, they followed the evidence across this stunning country.

Their first big break came at the Taj Mahal where they discovered a hidden memory stick. Using their skills they were able to decode the message which led them south, to the Nilgiri Hills. After an exhilarating helicopter ride they reached the mountains just in time to uncover information about the hiding place of the thieves.



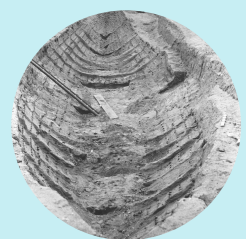
Other Sutton Hoo artefacts which can be found in Room 41 at the British Museum.



The Sutton Hoo shield



The Sutton Hoo sword

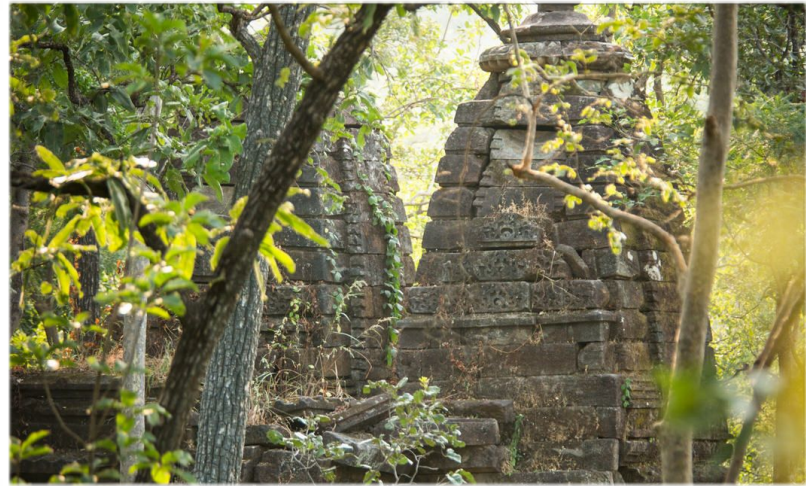


The excavation of the ship at Sutton Hoo

This is where the treasures were originally found in 1939. It shows what the ship looked like and gave vital information about its size and how it was made.

Their quest quickly turned into an Indiana Jones style movie, straight from Hollywood, racing through jungles, past waterfalls and discovering long lost hidden ruins to locate the helmet.

Their bravery and persistence paid off. After reaching the ruins, where the criminals were last spotted, they solved three deadly puzzles on their way to the Artefact Room where the Sutton Hoo helmet was being hidden. Once they had rescued the helmet they quickly dealt with the criminals who were arrested on the spot.



The ruins where the helmet was found.

The brave agent said, “We are proud to be able to return such a valuable historical object to the British Museum. Although we faced danger along the way I feel privileged to have been able to explore such a beautiful country.”

Mr Fischer, the Director of the British Museum said, “We are all indebted to the courageous agent and the professor for making sure this valuable piece of history is now safe and secure again in the British Museum.”

THE SUTTON HOO HELMET FACTS

- Found during the 1939 excavation of an Anglo-Saxon ship which was buried at Sutton Hoo in the early 7th century. It is thought to have belonged to an Anglo-Saxon king.
- When it was found it was in many separate pieces which experts carefully reconstructed using the original metal from the helmet.
- It is made from iron and covered in a tinned copper alloy, which is decorated in intricate patterns, including pictures of brave warriors. It also has gold, silver and garnets in its construction
- There is a hidden dragon, made up from the eyebrows, nose piece and moustache. The eyebrows are the wings, the nose piece is the body and the moustache is the tail.
- It weighs approximately 2.5kg.
- It measures 31.8 cm tall, 25.5 cm front to back and 21.5 cm wide
- It is one of only 4 complete helmets to survive from Anglo-Saxon England.
- It has great archaeological significance because it tells experts so much about the Anglo-Saxons.



A replica showing how the helmet would have looked.