

## **Site Watching Brief - Land adjacent to 4 Hampton Road, Farnham**

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### **Introduction**

The development, which is a housing estate infill, consisted of the erection of a detached bungalow and garage on land sited a few hundred metres to the north and uphill of the find site of a scattered hoard of Iron Age gold staters (coins). The coins were discovered in the early 1980s and the distribution pattern gives every indication that the hoard had originally been deposited at a single point, somewhere in the vicinity of the current development.

### **Results**

The site was visited following topsoil stripping, which affected the whole area. The ground surface was inspected visually and was also subjected to a complete metal detector survey. Neither technique produced any material earlier in date than the mid-nineteenth century. The spoil heap was also checked, as was a test hole which had been dug by the developers into the underlying clay - again with similar results. It would, therefore, appear that no archaeological material has been disturbed by this development and the only surface feature noted was that of a slight bank, presumably a relict field boundary, which passed through the centre of the site on an approximately north-south alignment.

No further work is recommended.

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