



Noteworthy Hoard of Bronze Age Artifacts Discovered by Detectorist in County Durham, North East England

Lisle, Ill., September 11, 2015 - [Minelab](#), the world leader in providing metal detecting technologies for consumer, humanitarian and military needs, today announced that Kevin Hopper, a 31-year-old detectorist from Bishop Auckland, recently uncovered a hoard of 10 Bronze Age relics in North East England using his Minelab [CTX 3030](#).

The discovery was found while Hopper and his father were searching for treasure at a friend's farmland in County Durham near his hometown. After a few days, Hopper was able to find a substantial collection of relics that include a spearhead found completely intact, a rare occurrence from the time period.

"It's a once in a lifetime find. After finding a partial axe head, the anticipation only grew of what else we could find from the site, and I became more eager to get my next signal," said Kevin Hopper. "The experience of having four consecutive signals and each time unearthing a Bronze Age artifact was unreal - I was over the moon and pretty much speechless each time. It has proven there are still significant relics out there to find."



Hopper became interested in metal detecting shortly after his father took up the hobby to fill spare time during early retirement. Three years later, they both make an effort to share permits and go out regularly to unearth hidden treasures. Hopper has used a Minelab CTX 3030 for the past 11 months and claims "he wouldn't be without it today."

"It's exhilarating watching history unfold and hearing about our Minelab users finding hidden treasures from all over the world," said Gary Schafer, General Manager of Worldwide Consumer Markets and of America's Operations for Minelab Electronics. "Learning about Kevin's story has continued the success of the CTX 3030, making it one

of Minelab's most accomplished detectors to date, and I'm always amazed what our detectorists are able to unearth."

Minelab's CTX 3030 treasure detector is all-terrain and waterproof in up to 10 ft. The CTX 3030 comes equipped with a full-color LCD screen and advanced Target Trace discrimination, and the detector's GPS allows treasure hunters to navigate to past and present points of interest, mark treasure locations and record exact points of their discoveries.

To learn more about Minelab or the CTX 3030, visit minelab.com.

About Minelab:

Minelab is an Australian-built, multi-award winning business that has successfully scaled world markets to command global leadership in its key areas of operation. Based in Torrensville, South Australia with regional headquarters in Cork, Ireland and Chicago, U.S. the company specializes in advanced electronic technologies. Since its origins in 1985 Minelab has been the world leader in providing metal detecting technologies for consumer, humanitarian demining and military needs. Through devotion to research and development and innovative design, Minelab is today a major world manufacturer of hand-held metal detector products. Over the past 28 years, Minelab has introduced more innovative and practical technology than any of its competitors and has taken the metal detecting industry to new levels of excellence. Minelab is a Codan Limited company (ASX: "CDA").