

Gold Hoard Week

You can work in the conservation lab to help conserve these coins for the future!

Ipswich Museum

Monday 10th October – Friday 15th October

10am – 4pm

FREE Event

To celebrate the raising of £300,000 to save the Wickham Market coin hoard for the nation and to welcome them home to Suffolk, Ipswich Museum is inviting the community to help care for these 840 astounding gold coins of the Icení tribe.

The coins were buried nearly 2000 years ago in the safety of the Suffolk soil and the museum is taking up the baton to keep them safe for ever more. We are looking for volunteers to join us to help clean and label the coins.

Gold Hoard Week takes place between Monday 10th October to Friday 15th October and on each day we would like to welcome ten people to join us in the conservation lab at Ipswich Museum. The curator of archaeology will give a brief introduction to the coins and their Iron Age heritage after which the museum's conservators will tell volunteers about museum conservation before guiding them through the process of cleaning and labelling and then you can get to work!

Caroline McDonald, Curator of Archaeology at Colchester and Ipswich Museums said, "During this week, a total of fifty people will be getting up close and personal to the coins, helping to make them look their best for the thousands of visitors who come to the museum each year."

These events are very popular so **booking is essential**, book in advance by calling Caroline McDonald on 01473 433543. Places are limited to one booking per person. Due to the environment that the work takes place in, volunteers must be 16 or older. Under 18's will require parental permission. Tea and Coffee will be provided but you need to make your own arrangements for lunch.

Please note the lab is not accessible to wheelchairs and is accessed via a staircase.