

Sutton Hoo Newspaper Report

Anglo-Saxon Star

Ancient ship burial found at Sutton Hoo

The outline of a ship filled with ancient treasure has been found near the village of Sutton Hoo.

Edith Pretty's land has some large grassy mounds. She asked Basil Brown to dig these up to find what was inside. They were both very surprised when Mr Brown discovered the largest mound was hiding a large ship.

The ship was buried about 1400 years ago and the wooden planks had all rotted away. However, the shape stayed in the sandy soil.

When Mr Brown found the shape of the ship, he was astonished. He asked experts at the British Museum to help him dig it up.

Soon, they found treasure in the middle of the ship. There was a sword, drinking horns, coins and silver bowls. The coins helped work out when the ship was buried.

There was also a helmet which is thought to be very special. It was broken into lots of pieces.



Replica of the helmet found at Sutton Hoo

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Edith Pretty

Basil Brown

The British Museum

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What happened to the ship itself? Circle **one**.

It was stolen.

It's still hidden
somewhere.

The wooden planks
rotted away.

3. What have been used to help work out the date of the burial? Circle **one**.

silver bowls

coins

drinking cups

helmet

4. What type of weapon was found in the ship?

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