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## CHEADLE GREEN

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## METAL DETECTING REPORT 2014



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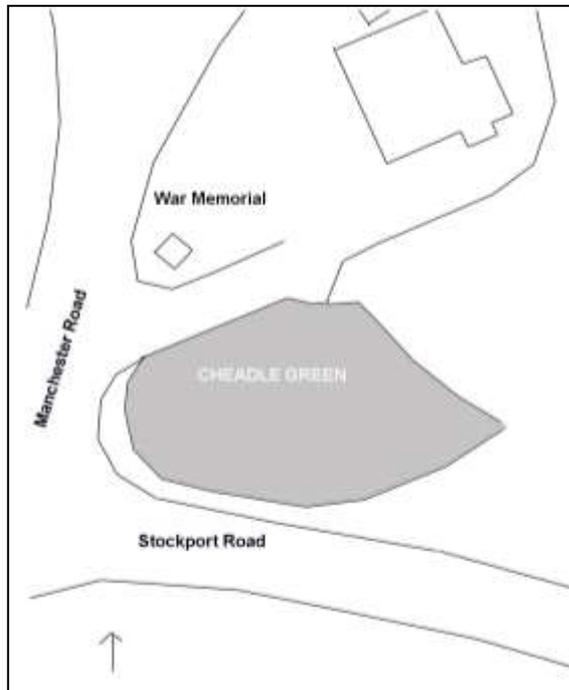
Cover photo year: pre WW2 looking north, Cheadle Green in foreground

## **Introduction**

Undertaken by TAS on behalf of the Cheadle Civic Society, Cheadle Green, Cheadle in Stockport is a small area of green belt on the junction of Manchester Road, Stockport Road and Cheadle High Street. The green includes the site of Cheadle Hall which was built in 1756 and its out buildings.

Previous excavations conducted in 2010 found excellent remains of the old hall, with medieval pottery shards indicating early activity on the site. In 2014 workmen undertaking landscaping work found a Queen Victoria penny dated 1887. Norman Redhead, Heritage Management Director for Archaeology for Greater Manchester, obtained permission from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council for a metal detecting survey to be conducted before work on the green was completed.

## Main site location plan



## Methodology

In accordance with Tameside Archaeological Society, site procedures were used with guidelines set out in the Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations (1981) (ACOPL74). Also in accordance with RIDDOR (1995) accidents, outbreaks of disease and dangerous incidents on all work done.

The survey was undertaken using a CSCOPE 6MXI motion detector. All finds were cleaned in tap water only, off site, and dried.

Finds were identified using SPINK standard Catalogue of British Coins 2010.

Finds will be deposited with Cheadle Civic Society and a copy of the survey report will be received by Norman Redhead and Andy Coutts at Salford University and Stockport Local Heritage library.

The metal detecting survey extended beyond the 'green site' to a small area of land in front of the former old hall. Out buildings which were connected with the hall and a row of Victorian terraced houses were situated in this area. When the buildings were demolished, the area was built up with spoil. This was in evidence during archaeological testing (pers comm. Norman Redhead). Metal testing anomalies consisted of iron slag with burnt coal with a mixture of brick just below the turf. The metal detecting survey was abandoned as the excessive signals from the slag spoil disturbed the metal detector's discriminatory ability.



### **Find 185 (Plate)**

A 19<sup>th</sup> century lead bag seal which has the inscription for Manchester. Bale seals were single discs and were used to identify textiles as well as parcels and bales of trade goods. The obverse would show a city's coat of arms and the reverse would show data such as length or width of fabric or the weight of a parcel. The bale seal was found on Cheadle Green which might indicate the area was used for loading or unloading textiles for shops or factories in the vicinity.

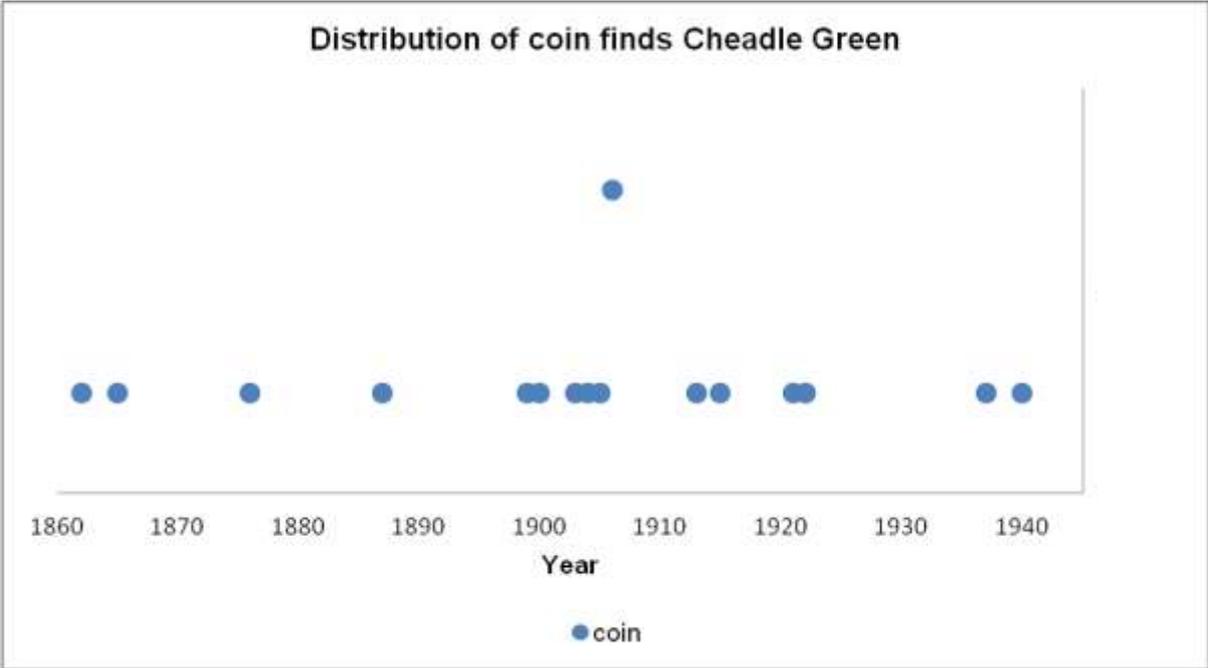
### **Find 186 (Plate)**

A 19<sup>th</sup> century lead palm guard used by leather workers. The guard itself was wrapped in a cloth or held in a pouch and used to force needles through leather while protecting the user's palm. The palm guard is convex on one side showing four indentations of needle heads. The reverse is flat also showing four indentations of needle heads. This could indicate leather workers were working in proximity to the green or in the area.

### **Find 181 (Plate)**

The bullet casing found on Cheadle Green is from a Lee Enfield .303 rifle. It was the standard British and Commonwealth military cartridge from 1889 until 1950. Cheadle Green war memorial was erected in 1921 with the remembrance service held that year. The three volley gun salute using blank cartridges is common practice to honour war dead on land and sea. The bullet casing found on the green could have come from a three volley salute.

Time Distribution of dated coins over time finds from Cheadle Green are shown in the graph.



## Interpretation

The metal detecting survey of Cheadle Green recovered a significant number of coins which dated back over one hundred and fifty years. Village greens have been a part of village communities for centuries so to recover so many coins is not unusual. The coins which were recovered were fifteen in total, one of these found by workmen carrying out work on the green. The coins recovered are mostly copper pennies and half pennies and date from the mid nineteenth century to the mid twentieth century. The silver coin recovered is a Maundy coin. The word itself derives from the last command or mandatum of Jesus Christ where he washed the feet of his apostles. The 14<sup>th</sup> century English monarchs washed the feet of the poor as an imitation of Jesus and gave them gifts and money.

A cluster of coins occurs around 1900 suggesting an increased use of this site at this time. There appears to be a concentration towards the centre of the green; perhaps this area was used most frequently.

## Plates



**Plate 1 Cheadle Green looking west after de-turfing**



**Plate 2 Second area of metal detecting to the east of Cheadle Green**

## Coin finds

	<p><b>Victoria Half Penny Find 190</b></p> <p><b>1862 Grade Poor</b></p>	
	<p><b>Victoria (Bun) Penny Find 192</b></p> <p><b>1865 Grade Poor</b></p>	
	<p><b>Victoria (Bun) Penny Find 184</b></p> <p><b>1876 Grade Poor</b></p>	
	<p><b>Victoria (Bun) Penny Found by Workmen</b></p> <p><b>1887 Grade Poor</b></p>	
	<p><b>Victoria (Bun) Penny Find 180</b></p> <p><b>1899 Grade Poor</b></p>	

	<p><b>Victoria Half Penny Find 187</b></p> <p><b>1900 Grade Poor</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Edward VII Penny Find 189</b></p> <p><b>1903 Grade Poor</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Edward VII Penny Find 176</b></p> <p><b>1906 Grade Poor</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Edward VII Half Penny Find 179</b></p> <p><b>1906 Grade Poor</b></p>	
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	<p><b>George V Penny Find 191</b></p> <p><b>1913 Grade Poor</b></p>	
	<p><b>George V Maundy 3d Find 182</b></p> <p><b>1915 Grade Fair</b></p>	
	<p><b>George V Penny Find 183</b></p> <p><b>1921 Grade Poor</b></p>	
	<p><b>George V Penny Find 188</b></p> <p><b>1922 Grade Poor</b></p>	



**George VI Half  
Penny  
Find 178**

**1937  
Grade Poor**



**George VI Half  
Penny  
Find 177**

**1940  
Grade Fair**



	<p><b>Lead bale seal</b></p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> century</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Lee Enfield .303 cartridge</b></p> <p><b>1895 -1926</b></p>	