

At Kris Lockyear's blog *Sensing the Iron Age and Roman Past: Geophysics and the Landscape of Hertfordshire*, he reports on [a recent geophysical survey he and his team undertook in Ashwell](#). The Museum Service had previously done fieldwalking on the site and I was given the task of plotting out the results. In those days (1986), everything was done by hand as we didn't have the benefit of computers or GPS. A couple of items from the site are on display in the museum, most notably a very well preserved [Viking-era scabbard chape](#), found by a metal detectorist in the 1970s.

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A ninth-century copper alloy scabbard chape from Ashwell