



Treasure Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 24

Coroners' jurisdiction

8 Duty of finder to notify coroner.

- (1) A person who finds an object which he believes or has reasonable grounds for believing is treasure must notify the coroner for the district in which the object was found before the end of the notice period.
- (2) The notice period is fourteen days beginning with—
 - (a) the day after the find; or
 - (b) if later, the day on which the finder first believes or has reason to believe the object is treasure.
- (3) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to—
 - (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months;
 - (b) a fine of an amount not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale; or
 - (c) both.
- (4) In proceedings for an offence under this section, it is a defence for the defendant to show that he had, and has continued to have, a reasonable excuse for failing to notify the coroner.
- (5) If the office of coroner for a district is vacant, the person acting as coroner for that district is the coroner for the purposes of subsection (1).

Changes to legislation:

Treasure Act 1996, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 8(1) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(2\)](#)
- s. 8(3)(a) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 48](#)
- s. 8(4) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 8(5)(6) substituted for s. 8(5) by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 8(7) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(5\)](#)
- s. 10(5)(d) inserted by [2009 c. 25 s. 30\(2\)](#)