EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends the definition of "treasure" in section 1 of the Treasure Act 1996 ("the Act") by designating under section 2(1) of the Act two classes of objects as being of outstanding historical, archaeological or cultural importance. The Order applies to England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The first class of object is one of at least two base metal objects (other than coins), from the same find which are of prehistoric date.

The second class of object is any object (other than a coin) of prehistoric date, any part of which is gold or silver.