

# Treasures From Sutton Hoo

Sutton Hoo Helmet (sculpture) It remained in place, dominating the entrance of the exhibition hall, until 2019, when it was moved to the entrance to the Sutton Hoo site. 3415°E / 52. A representation of the Anglo-Saxon helmet by the same name found in the Sutton Hoo ship-burial, it was commissioned by the National Trust to suspend outside an exhibition hall at the Sutton Hoo visitor centre. 52°05'41"N 1°20'29"E / 52. A representation Sutton Hoo Helmet is a 2002 sculpture by the English artist Rick Kirby. 0948°N 1. 3415 Sutton Hoo Helmet is a 2002 sculpture by the English artist Rick Kirby. At the opening of the centre, the sculpture was unveiled by the Literature Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney on 13 March 2002. 0948; 1 b46d473539

The visage contains eyebrows, a nose, and moustache, creating the image of a man joined by a dragon's head to become a soaring dragon with outstretched wings. It was excavated as hundreds of rusted fragments; first displayed following an initial reconstruction in 1945–46, it took its present form after a second reconstruction in 1970–71. b46d473539 Tranmer House, then called Sutton Hoo House, was designed in 1910 by John Shewell Corder, an architect based in Ipswich, for a Suffolk artist, John Chadwick Lomax. In 1926, the Sutton Hoo estate was bought by Edith Pretty and her husband, Frank, for £15,250. Edith Pretty, born Edith Dempster in 1883, inherited a considerable fortune from her father upon his death in 1925. Following Frank Pretty's death in 1934, Edith Pretty developed an interest in excavating the burial mounds that lay to the north-east of Tranmer House and engaged a local archaeologist,

Basil Brown, to undertake two digs, in 1938 and 1939. During the second dig, Brown located the Anglo-Saxon ship burial site... b46d473539 == Production == b46d473539 Mercie Keer Lack was born in south London on 9 November 1894. She is widely reported as a teacher in press coverage of her photography at Sutton Hoo. Lack and Barbara Wagstaff (1895-1974) both joined the Royal Photographic Society in 1944 and gained their Associate the same year. They are reported as amongst the teaching staff of Putney High School 1935-6, which would fit with Lack's London photography series of the 1930s. She became a life member of the RPS in 1949. She died on 23 April 1985 in Stevenage. b46d473539

Tranmer House The house is located on the Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon burial site, and Tranmer House is a country house in Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, dating from 1910. House is a country house in Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, dating from 1910. The house is located on the Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon burial site, and, in 1938, was the home of Edith Pretty. In June 1938, Pretty employed Basil Brown to undertake the excavation of a range of burial mounds on the estate, leading to Brown's discovery in May 1939 of a ship burial, "one of the most important archaeological discoveries of all time". The house is now owned by the National Trust b46d473539

== Life == b46d473539

Rupert Bruce-Mitford Described as the guiding spirit of such research, he oversaw the production of the monumental three-volume work *The Sutton Hoo Ship-Burial*, termed by the president of the Society of Antiquaries as "one of the great books of the century". He spent the majority of his career at the British Museum, primarily as the keeper of the Department of British and Medieval Antiquities, and was particularly known for his work on the Sutton Hoo ship-burial. the

Sutton Hoo ship-burial. Described as the guiding spirit of such research, he oversaw the production of the monumental three-volume work *The Sutton Hoo*. Rupert Leo Scott Bruce-Mitford (14 June 1914 – 10 March 1994) was a British archaeologist and scholar. b46d473539

== Early life and education == b46d473539 The site was first excavated by Basil Brown, a self-taught archaeologist, under the auspices of the landowner Edith Pretty. When its importance became apparent, national scholars took over. The artefacts found in the ship's burial chamber included a suite of dress fittings in gold and gems, a ceremonial helmet, a shield, a sword, a lyre, and silver plate from the Eastern Roman Empire. The ship burial has prompted comparisons with the world of the Old English poem *Beowulf*, which is in part set in Götaland in southern Sweden, a place that has archaeological parallels with some of the Sutton Hoo artefacts. Scholars believe that Rædwald, the first king of the East Angles who was an actual historical figure, is the most likely person to have been buried in the ship. b46d473539 The helmet and the other artefacts from the site were determined to be the property of Edith Pretty, owner of the land on which they were found. She donated them to the British Museum, where the helmet is on permanent display in Room 41. b46d473539

Basil Brown Self-taught, he discovered and excavated a 6th-century Anglo-Saxon ship burial at Sutton Hoo in 1939, which has come to be called "one of the most important archaeological discoveries of all time". he discovered and excavated a 6th-century Anglo-Saxon ship burial at Sutton Hoo in 1939, which has come to be called &quot;one of the most important archaeological Basil John Wait Brown (22 January 1888 – 12 March 1977) was an English archaeologist and astronomer. Although Brown was described as an amateur archaeologist, his career as a paid excavation employee for a provincial museum

spanned more than thirty years b46d473539

For about a year, Charles Phillips was sent to live with his mother's parents in Ardington, after which... b46d473539 Basil Brown was born in 1888 in Bucklesham, east of Ipswich, to George Brown (1863–1932) and Charlotte Wait (c.1854–1931), daughter of John Wait of Great Barrington, Gloucestershire. His father was a farmer, wheelwright and agent for the Royal Insurance Company. Soon after his birth, the Browns moved to Church Farm near Rickingham, where his father began work as a tenant farmer. From the age of five, Basil studied astronomical texts that he had inherited from his grandfather. He later attended Rickingham School and also received some private tutoring. From an early age he could be found digging up fields. At 12 years old, he left school to work on his father's farm. b46d473539

Sutton Hoo Sutton Hoo illuminates the culture of the Anglo-Saxons during a period that lacks historical documentation. Sutton Hoo is the site of two Anglo-Saxon cemeteries dating from the 6th to 7th centuries near Woodbridge, Suffolk, England. Archaeologists have excavated the site since the discovery of a previously undisturbed ship burial containing a wealth of artifacts in 1938. Archaeologists have excavated Sutton Hoo is the site of two Anglo-Saxon cemeteries dating from the 6th to 7th centuries near Woodbridge, Suffolk, England b46d473539

During the 1960s and 1980s, the wider area around the ship... b46d473539 The programme was commissioned for broadcast on New Year's Day 2003 to tie in with an exhibition at the British Museum as part of new director Neil MacGregor's attempts to popularise the museum. b46d473539 From 1907 to 1925, Edith's father Robert Dempster took... b46d473539 In 1884 the family moved to Manchester, where Robert founded the engineering firm R. & J.

Dempster with his brother, John. The family travelled extensively abroad, visiting Egypt, Greece, and Austria-Hungary. After finishing her education at Roedean School in East Sussex, Edith Dempster spent six months in Paris in 1901. Later that year, the family embarked on a world tour that included visits to British India and the United States. b46d473539

Sutton Hoo helmet The helmet was both a functional piece of armour and a decorative piece of metalwork. It was thought to be buried around The Sutton Hoo helmet is a decorated Anglo-Saxon helmet found during a 1939 excavation of the Sutton Hoo ship-burial. An iconic object from an archaeological find hailed as the "British Tutankhamen", it has become a symbol of the Early Middle Ages, "of Archaeology in general", and of England. The Sutton Hoo helmet is a decorated Anglo-Saxon helmet found during a 1939 excavation of the Sutton Hoo ship-burial. It was thought to be buried around the years c. 620-625 AD and is widely associated with an Anglo-Saxon leader, King Rædwald of East Anglia; its elaborate decoration may have given it a secondary function akin to a crown b46d473539

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Edith Pretty August 1883 - 17 December 1942) was an English landowner on whose land the Sutton Hoo ship burial was discovered after she hired Basil Brown, a local excavator Edith May Pretty (née Dempster; 1 August 1883 - 17 December 1942) was an English landowner on whose land the Sutton Hoo ship burial was discovered after she hired Basil Brown, a local excavator and amateur archaeologist, to determine whether anything lay beneath the mounds on her property b46d473539

== History and description == b46d473539 Charles Phillips was born on 24 April 1901, the son of Harold and Mary Elizabeth. His parents had met in London

and were married on 14 October 1899. Harold Phillips had started to suffer from depression around 1893, and despite a number of "crises" during the short engagement, as Charles Phillips would later describe them, apparently no efforts were made to apprise his fiancée's family of his condition; nevertheless, none of her relatives showed up for the wedding. The couple had two sons and a daughter, with Charles being the oldest. Despite attempts at therapy, Harold Phillips killed himself on 30 January 1907. b46d473539

Our Top Ten Treasures Top Ten Treasures was a 2003 special episode of the BBC Television series Meet the Ancestors which profiled the ten most important treasures unearthed Our Top Ten Treasures was a 2003 special episode of the BBC Television series Meet the Ancestors which profiled the ten most important treasures unearthed in Britain, as voted for by a panel of experts from the British Museum b46d473539

Mercie Lack on holiday in Suffolk in 1939 when the Sutton Hoo ship burial was discovered. They arrived after the treasures had been removed and photographed the excavation Mercie Keer Lack ARPS (1894-1985) was a British teacher and photographer particularly known for her photography of the discoveries at the site of Sutton Hoo in 1939, (with her friend and teaching colleague Barbara Wagstaff), and for her photographs of London street scenes b46d473539

By attending evening classes, Brown earned a certificate... b46d473539 == Early life == b46d473539 Though Bruce-Mitford was born in London, his preceding two generations had lived largely abroad: his maternal grandparents as early settlers of British Columbia, his paternal grandparents as missionaries in India, and his parents as schoolteachers in Japan. When Bruce-Mitford was five, his father died. His mother was left to raise four sons,

of whom Bruce-Mitford was the youngest, on a tiny salary; the stresses were substantial, and he was fostered for a time after his mother had a breakdown. He attended preparatory school with the support of a relative, enrolled at the charity school Christ's Hospital five years later, and, in 1933, earned a... b46d473539 The sculpture is 1.8 m (5.9 ft) high, 1.2 m (3.9 ft) wide, 1.6 m (5.2 ft) deep, and weighs 900 kg (2,000 lb). It is made of mild steel plates that are coloured red. Designed to have a "fierce presence", it is inspired by the fragmentary appearance of the reconstructed helmet rather than the glistening replica made by the Royal Armouries. Steel is Kirby's favoured medium, allowing the sense of scale and dramatic impact found in Sutton Hoo Helmet. The sculpture is illustrative of Kirby's largely figural body of work, and its mask-like quality has been repeated in subsequent pieces. b46d473539

Charles Phillips (archaeologist) British archaeologist best known for leading the 1939 excavation of the Sutton Hoo burial ship, an intact collection of Anglo-Saxon grave-goods. In 1946, he replaced O. In 1946 Charles William Phillips (24 April 1901 – 23 September 1985) was a British archaeologist best known for leading the 1939 excavation of the Sutton Hoo burial ship, an intact collection of Anglo-Saxon grave-goods. S. Crawford as the Archaeology Officer of the Ordnance Survey. He was awarded the Victoria Medal of the Royal Geographical Society in 1967 for his contributions to the topography and mapping of Early Britain. G b46d473539

Following the broadcast viewers were invited to vote for their favourites in a poll that was won by the Vindolanda Tablets, with the Sutton Hoo ship burial in second place. b46d473539 Edith Dempster was born in Elland, Yorkshire, to Elizabeth (née Brunton, died 1919) and Robert Dempster (born 1853). She had an older sister, Elizabeth. The Dempsters were wealthy industrialists who amassed their fortune from the

manufacture of equipment related to the gas industry. Robert Dempster's father, also named Robert Dempster, had founded Robert Dempster and Sons in 1855 for this purpose. b46d473539 == Background == b46d473539

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