

Pro-forma letter regarding the future of the Galloway Viking Hoard. To:

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- Stuart Campbell, Treasure Trove Unit Manager, s.campbell@nms.ac.uk

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my support for the Galloway Viking Hoard to have its permanent or regular home at the new Kirkcudbright Art Gallery.

This important discovery will make a really significant contribution to our understanding of the region's past and awareness of its distinctive historical identity. It also presents an unparalleled opportunity to encourage visitors of all ages, from across the world, to visit Dumfries and Galloway and also to access many of our other historic sites and museums across the region.

In Kirkcudbright, The Hoard would be welcomed and cherished. It would provide a springboard for a variety of initiatives, events and activities. It would take pride of place in its rightful home context – rather than becoming just another treasure amongst hundreds in Edinburgh.

This is exactly the kind of bold and imaginative thinking that Scotland should be embracing during this **2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology**.

Please make my views known to those involved in making the decisions about the future of this magnificent collection.

Yours faithfully,

Signed on behalf of: