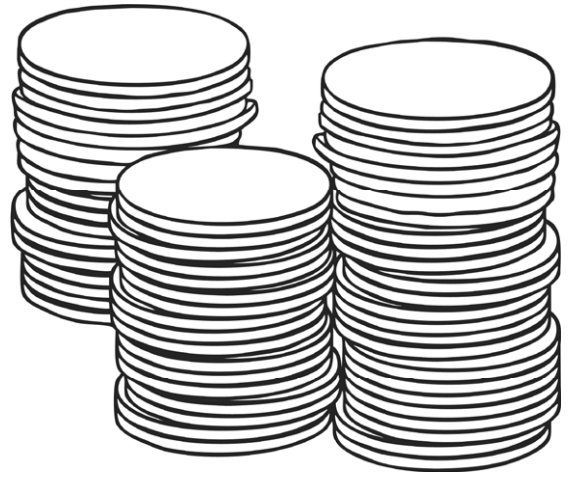

ROMAN COIN SURPRISE FOR MRS SHIP

Report by Owen Butcher, Media Correspondent, Glastonbury

It was last year when Sally Ship, an art teacher from Somerset, decided to have an extension built on her home. 'We'd outgrown our house but couldn't find another one as nice,' she explained. 'Instead of moving, we decided to extend.' The builders began work in March 2014 and a few days later, Sally made the find of her life. 'I remember watching the builders dig up my lawn. As I was giving out their cups of coffee, I noticed something in the hole they were digging; I had a feeling it was something special.'

'Sally asked me to stop working because I was about to hit whatever she'd seen. I hadn't even spotted them,' commented builder Karl Webb. 'Finding treasure is a first for me!' Mrs Ship told reporters how Karl had helped her climb into the hole to have a closer look. 'I noticed another one and then another one,' she added. 'I was shaking. I knew this was something important so I reported the find and told the builders they could go home until I'd found out what it was. I slept in the garden all night, guarding what I believed to be something very precious. My daughter thought I was crazy!' Sally and 18-year-old Jenny have recently discovered that the nine coins are Roman and a mixture of bronze and silver. 'Mum and I were excited



The treasure was discovered in a garden in Somerset.

to find out that the coins were really old. It gets you thinking about why they were there. Had they been dropped by accident? What had they bought?'

Sally explained that since her fantastic find, she has joined a local metal detectors group. 'It's great fun! After all, you never know what you're going to find.'

Further excavations took place but no other finds were made. It is yet to be decided where the coins will be put on display for the public.

Comprehension Questions

Answer questions in full sentences.

1. What was Mrs Ship doing when she first spotted the treasure?

2. a) Why did Mrs Ship sleep outside that night?

b) What would you have done?

3. What exactly did she find?

4. What has this experience inspired Sally to get involved in?

5. What will happen to the treasures?

6. Who wrote this newspaper report?

7. The report begins with '**Roman Coin Surprise For Mrs Ship**'. What is this newspaper feature called and why is it in bold lettering?

Roman Coin Surprise For Mrs Ship **Answers**

1. What was Mrs Ship doing when she first spotted the treasure?
She was passing cups of coffee to the builders.
2. a) Why did Mrs Ship sleep outside that night?
She slept outside to guard the find.
b) What would you have done?
Own answers with suitable justification.
3. What exactly did she find?
She found nine bronze and silver Roman coins.
4. What has this experience inspired Sally to get involved in?
Sally now goes to a local metal detecting group.
5. What will happen to the treasures?
The treasures will go on public display.
6. Who wrote this newspaper report?
Owen Butcher was the journalist that wrote this newspaper report.
7. The report begins with '**Roman Coin Surprise For Mrs Ship**'. What is this newspaper feature called and why is it in bold lettering?
The report begins with a headline, which is written in bold so that it is eye-catching to encourage the reader to read the rest of the story.