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Chris Sibley, a volunteer at Liphook Heritage Centre with Eddie Trotter, who found the artefacts

Bohunt Manor relics go on show to public

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LAND at Bohunt Manor which is at the centre of planning proposals for its development has yielded treasure from its past.

There is evidence that the estate was the site of Roman occupation, possibly with a villa near the current manor house.

Eddie Trotter, who is a nephew of the last private owners of Bohunt Manor, Sir Adrian and Lady Holman and still lives on the estate, found the items which span hundreds of years.

Now they have been assembled and put on public display at Liphook Heritage Centre.

The artefacts have been clearly laid out for visitors to appreciate the extent of the history of this important site so close to the heart of Liphook and within the South Downs National Park.

The oldest items are a Bronze Age axe head, a Celtic coin, many Roman coins and Roman pottery shards.

Other coins found by Mr

Trotter date from the reigns of Canute through to Elizabeth I, and James I to George III. More recent money from the 19th and 20th centuries was also discovered.

Trade tokens, 17th century Jews' harps and a collection of 19th century musket balls are on show.

It is believed the name Bohunt came from the original manor's ownership by the Bohuns family, of Midhurst, in the twelfth century. The first record of a building on the land was in 1565.

Sixteen owners over the following 400 years are

known.

Diplomat Sir Adrian retired to Bohunt Manorin 1954 with his wife, Lady Betty.

Following Sir Adrian's death in 1974, the 100-acre estate was bequeathed to the conservation charity WWF UK (formerly the World Wildlife Fund). The land was sold by the charity for £2min 2005.

Liphook Heritage Centre, run by members of Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society since 2011, is on the first floor of the Millennium Centre and is open from 10 am to noon on Mondays and Fridays and from 2-4pm on Wednesdays.

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