

Man finds 275K in Roman coins with a b-day gift!aa

A hoard of coins that was discovered by a metal detectorist who was inspired by Indiana Jones is to be sold at auction with an estimate of £75,000.

George Ridgway made the find in a recently harvested barley field in the grounds of Helmingham Hall near Stowmarket, Suffolk, in 2019.

The 34-year-old, who works for the family butchers business, said he 'couldn't believe' what he found.

He said he called his father to check the site until the arrival of an archaeological team when he realised the scale of the discovery.

The collection of 748 gold and silver coins is estimated to date from as early as 206 BC through to the Roman emperor Claudius in 46/47 AD.

Mr Ridgway said: 'I was inspired by my childhood love of Indiana Jones to start history hunting when I was four years old, and I dreamed of finding a Roman hoard since my grandmother bought me a metal detector for my 12th birthday.'



