



Ian Carter helped Rosie Keast locate her husband's gold wedding band which had been lost in their garden weeks before

Bradford On Avon Mum Rings For Help In Hunt For Wedding Band

A Bradford on Avon mum called on the help of a metal detecting club after spending six weeks searching in vain for her husband's wedding ring, which he lost while gardening. Rosie Keast and her husband Paul, who have been married for nine years, had only just received the replacement gold band as Mr Keast's original wedding ring was stolen in a burglary last year.

Mrs Keast, 36, who is on maternity leave from working as a vet, said: "It was only a week after we got the ring and Paul had put it in his pocket to keep it safe while gardening. We knew it was in the garden as we heard the ring drop. We went through all the flower beds and even mowed the lawn tentatively but we couldn't see it anywhere."

After searching for weeks Mrs Keast contacted Trowbridge and District Metal Detecting Club, which offers a free service to help locate lost metal objects within a 10 mile radius of Trowbridge. Chairman David Rees asked member Ian Carter, who lives nearby, to assist with their search last Thursday. Mr Carter, who has been a member of the group since 2006, said: "We'll do searches provided the person knows roughly where the item is."

He used an XP detector and pin-point probe and searched among border shrubs and the lawn, but drew a blank. After 45 minutes the ring was detected in an adjoining area of lawn, having become partially buried in the topsoil. Mr Carter added: "As a club we have done a few searches over the years, some successful and some not so successful, but in this case it was a positive outcome."

Mr Keast, 36, a project manager, said: "The service was amazing and free of charge. They were so helpful and we are so grateful. We'd never have found it without them."

The club, whose co-founding member Dave Crisp discovered 52,000 Roman coins in a Frome field in 2010, meet on the last Thursday of every month at 8pm at Fieldways Hotel and Health Club on Hilperton Road, Trowbridge.

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