



Unexploded Mortar Found In Garden

Labourer Dave Sanger was stunned when he realised the piece of metal he was hammering on to dislodge turned out to be an unexploded World War Two mortar. Mr Sanger, 35, was putting up a fence at a house in Fairfield, Upper Stratton, Swindon, on Saturday when he came across the shell. "I was digging about two feet down to make holes for the fence posts when I hit something hard," he said. "I was banging away at it with a bar because I thought it might be a piece of scaffolding or something like that. When I couldn't knock it out I bent down and grabbed hold of it and started to pull it out." Once he saw brass on the piece of metal he had dug out he realised it was definitely not a piece of scaffolding. Mr Sanger told John Foy, whose house he was working at, and he called the police straight away. Within the hour the quiet street was crawling with police officers and Army bomb disposal experts. Mr Foy, 62, said: "It was bit of a shock, to say the least. "I have lived here for 30 years and, although I have no idea, I would love to know where it came from." Swindon police Inspector Nick Bancroft confirmed that the shell found was unexploded and was taken away by the Army bomb disposal unit to be detonated.

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