



musket balls

These are some of the items that have been found in the area of the Battle of Newburn Ford : musket and cannon balls, coins, (both Scottish and English) as well as flints used for producing sparks to fire flintlock muskets, and buttons and buckles, possibly from soldiers' clothing. They were found on the river bank on the south side of the river Tyne, near the modern Newburn bridge, by local metal detectorist Kevin Whelan.



cannon balls

Explain what is shown in each of the four images.

What can you infer from each of these four images?

What can we learn, from these Sources, about warfare in the mid 17th Century?

Explain why the cannon balls are different sizes?

Explain why the musket balls are different sizes?

What do these artefacts tell us about the fighting for Newburn Ford?

How far are these an accurate representation of the weapons from mid 17th Century??

How useful are these Sources to an historian enquiring into warfare in the mid 17th Century?

How useful are these Sources to an historian enquiring into the Battle of Newburn Ford?

- What are these made of ?
- Why did the maker choose this materials?
- Was it made by hand or by machine?
- Is it made of one piece or more than one piece?
- Can you take it apart?



- Why was it made?
- What is it?
- How was it used?
- Who used it?
- Was it difficult to use?

- Where was it used?
- Was it used with other objects?
- Has its use changed?
- Can it be used for a different purpose now?



buttons and buckles

The Cannon balls are made of dressed stone, explain why this is not a suprise.

Explain why some buttons are in better condition than others

Explain how we know the coins are from the Battle of Newburn Ford

Which artefacts can be used to support other evidence about the Battle of Newburn Ford?

If you were producing an exhibit for the Battle of Newburn Ford, how would you label these artefacts?



coins