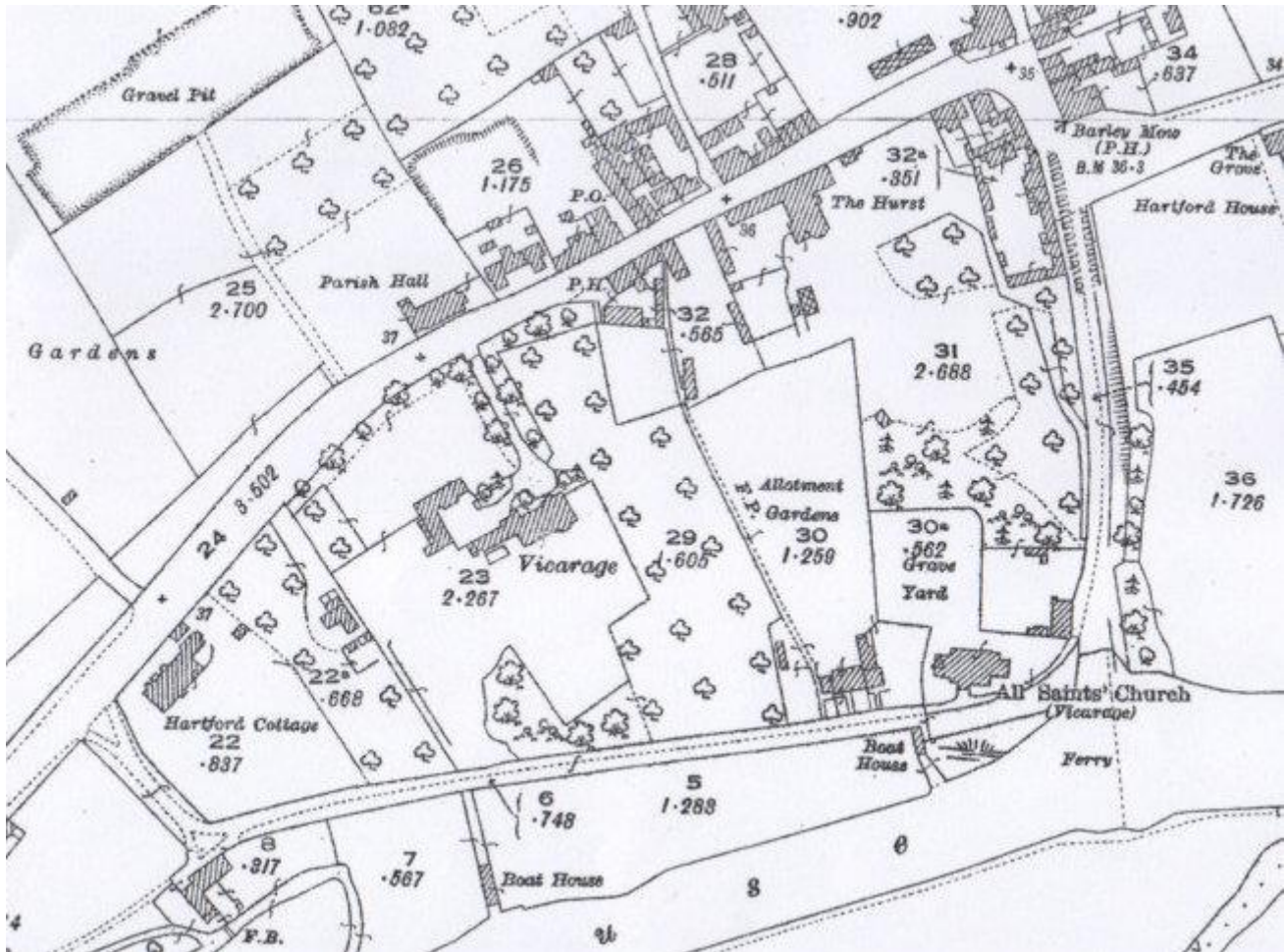




YOUR LOCAL CIVIC SOCIETY July 2014

## 1926 Map of Hartford



### The Hartford Hoard

The map shows Hartford Road now Main Street and Church Lane as the main roads in Hartford in 1926.

“Hartford Bypass” now known as Longstaff Way was not built until 1964.

Two Huntingdon council workers were digging the new road when they discovered a hoard of over eleven hundred silver coins dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. An inquest was held and it was found that the coins were treasure trove. The coins included Groats, half Groats, pennies, half

pennies and French coins covering the reigns of Henry VI, Edward IV, Richard III and Henry VII. The Richard III coins were of particular interest as there were few in existence as he reigned for only 2 years. The latest date in the collection was 1503. The collection had been contained in two earthenware pots. The pots had been placed in a hole one on top of the other with a wide necked one at the bottom. The pots had been reconstructed and it appeared that leather had been placed over the lower pot which had been squashed by the pot on top.

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**THE EXCAVATION SITE NOW LONGSTAFF WAY**

The Hoard is now held in the British Museum. Members of the Hartford Conservation Group visited the museum in 2011. Barrie Cooke, Curator of Medieval and Early Modern Coinage gave a very interesting presentation and demonstration on "The Hartford Hoard" and Medieval Coinage.



**THE CABINET CONTAINING THE HOARD**



**MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION GROUP AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM**



**ORIGINAL POT REPAIRED, ON DISPLAY GALLERY 68, CASE 11**



**A DRAWER FROM THE CABINET SHOWING A SELECTION OF THE COINS**



**SILVER GROAT OF HENRY VII**

### **NEW WEBSITE**

We now have a new website – [www.hartfordconservation.org.uk](http://www.hartfordconservation.org.uk). It contains a selection of interesting information but it is still under construction. New information and regular up to date information will be added. Many thanks to Brian Wilson for all his help in setting this up.

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