

Unexploded Grenade Donated to Church Yard Sale

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Bishop Auckland, United Kingdom Volunteers sorting through items donated to a church yard sale came across a hand grenade in a box with pots, pans, and other kitchen household goods in it. The 84-year old woman who found the grenade knew the potential hazards associated with the UXO from her time spent in a munitions factory during WWII. She immediately cleared the other volunteers out of the room then called the police.

The police responded with technical support from a bomb disposal team. The bomb disposal team identified the hand grenade as a live WWII era munition. The pin was still intact but severely rusted and corroded. The grenade was safely transported to a nearby field where it was safely detonated. How the grenade ended up in the box of donated goods in the first place is unknown.