

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
REQUEST TO CARRY OUT METAL DETECTING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY.

Email from a member of the public:

Good morning, everyone,

May I offer you all my time and efforts to be **YOUR** personal metal detectorist 😊

I live in Andover and fairly often make time in the week to enjoy my hobby on a few new permissions on my way home from work (Winterbourne Gunner).

My philosophy is different to other detectorists/club diggers in that, **I ensure that all potential finds are brought directly to those who grant permission (i.e. Cllrs and/or landowners).**

I am a member of the National Council for Metal Detecting and follow a professional code of conduct (please see Do's and Don'ts below).

If you would allow me the privilege to detect some of this beautiful and historical area, I would be honoured to present to you any/all findings and discard all trash items found along the way.

Kind regards,

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Ade Ledbury

CSO4 Supervisor

The Do's & Don'ts

Do not trespass. Obtain permission before venturing on to any land.

Do not leave a mess or an unsafe surface for those who may follow. It is perfectly simple to extract a coin or other small object buried a few inches below the ground without digging a great hole.

Use a suitable digging implement to cut a neat flap (do not remove the plug of earth entirely from the ground), extract the object, reinstate the grass, sand or soil carefully, and even you will have difficulty in locating the find spot again

It is illegal for anyone to use a metal detector on a designated area (e.g. Scheduled Monuments (SM), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or Ministry of Defence property) without permission from the appropriate authority.

It is also a condition of most agri-environment agreements that metal detecting access is subject to certain rules and regulations, including mandatory reporting of all finds to the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

Respect the Country Code, leave gates and property as you find them and do not damage crops, frighten animals or disturb nesting birds.

Help keep Britain tidy. Safely dispose of refuse you come across.

Report all unusual historical finds to the landowner, and acquaint yourself with current NCMD policy relating to the Voluntary Reporting of Portable Antiquities in England and Wales and the mandatory reporting requirements in Scotland.

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The Council own/manage two pieces of land:

1. The Green
2. The Playing Fields.

The lease for the Village Green does not permit this type of activity.

Councillors are to decide if permission should be given for the Playing Fields only, and if any permission is subject to conditions, these should be stated.