

HOO ST WERBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

METAL DETECTING POLICY



Metal detecting on land owned or tenanted by Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council is not permitted apart from where a metal detecting survey is part of an approved archaeological investigation.

This protocol is effective from 1 April 2022 and supersedes any previous arrangements.

It has been adopted to provide a consistent approach to the management of the Council's assets.

Why it can be a problem

A number of problems can result from metal detecting, including the following:

- Damage to tree roots, plants and wildlife
- Creating trip hazards where land is disturbed and not correctly reinstated
- Removal of artefacts from their original location resulting in loss of information
- Damage to related archaeological deposits
- Partial recovery of assemblages which often neglects non-metal finds
- Unreported discoveries