



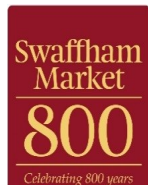
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Metal Detecting Policy and Agreement

This agreement will be in force from (date)..... to (date).....and allows metal detecting on areas of land owned by Swaffham Town Council.

1. The Licensee(s) shall hold a current National Council for Metal Detecting or Federation of Independent Detectorists membership and show details of their public liability insurance cover, with cover up to £10,000,000.
2. The Licensee shall observe and adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD (see overleaf)
3. All finds of value, antique or modern, unusual, extraordinary, historical or of archaeological interest remain the property of Swaffham Town Council and should be handed over to the Town Clerk within 14 days of discovery. Except finds that may be 'Treasure' these must be handed over to the coroner within 14 days.

Signed on behalf of Swaffham Town Council..... Date.....

Signed by Licensee..... Date.....

Name

Address.....

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Email.....

Areas of Land and open spaces owned by Swaffham Town Council

The Recreation Ground, Haspalls Rd

Orford Rd, open space

Merryweather Rd, open space

Campingland, open space

Code of Conduct

1. Do not trespass. Obtain permission before venturing on to any land.
2. Respect the Country Code, leave gates and property as you find them and do not damage crops, frighten animals or disturb nesting birds.
3. Wherever the site, 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.
4. If you discover any live ammunition or any lethal object such as an unexploded bomb or mine, do not disturb it. Mark the site carefully and report the find to the local police and landowner.
5. Help keep Britain tidy. Safely dispose of refuse you come across.
6. 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.
7. Remember 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 finds reporting of all finds to the Portable Antiquities Scheme.
8. Acquaint yourself with the terms and definitions used in the following documents:
 - 'Treasure' contained in the Treasure Act 1996 and its associated Code of Practice, making sure you understand your responsibilities.
 - Advice for Finders of Archaeological Objects including Treasure 2006.
 - The voluntary Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting 2017 Revision. Note: the NCMD is not an endorsee to this version of the Code. Details of why the NCMD did not endorse the Code can be found in issue 25 of Digging Deep.
 - Advice for finders in Scotland:
9. Remember that when you are out with your metal detector you are an ambassador for our hobby. Do nothing that might give it a bad name.
10. Never miss an opportunity to explain your hobby to anyone who asks about it.