



Metal Detectorists Liaison Scheme Dorset Code of Best Practice

- 1 Do not enter land with the intention of metal detecting without full permission of the landowner and preferably with a written agreement.
- 2 Always research your permitted site to familiarise yourself with boundaries and Scheduled Monuments. It is illegal to use a metal detector on a Scheduled Monument, or take one onto a Scheduled Monument.
- 3 Do not detect within five metres of a Scheduled Monument. Report any suspicious sightings or activity to the landowner and authorities without delay.
- 4 Try to concentrate detecting to ploughed land and to the depth of the plough soil.
- 5 Familiarise yourself with the *Treasure Act 1996*, *Treasure (Designation) Order 2002* and the procedures to be followed. Report all finds of potential Treasure. The preferred way of doing this is through the Portable Antiquities Scheme.
- 6 Seek agreement with the landowner to share knowledge gained from his land with the Dorset Historic Environment team to enhance the Dorset Historic Environment Record (HER).
- 7 Report *all* archaeological finds to the Portable Antiquities Scheme. This information will be passed to the Dorset Historic Environment Record. Allow a reasonable and agreed time for recording,

drawing and photography.

- 8 Maintain accurate records (with a minimum of a 6 figure grid reference) of all sites whether positive or negative in content. Submit copies at regular intervals to the Dorset HER. *Complete confidentiality will be maintained if requested (finds, finder and landowner).*
- 9 Observe and record surface scatters of non-metallic materials such as pottery, flints and building materials to record, even when detector results are negative.
- 10 Consider donation or sale of objects of particular interest to a Dorset-based museum rather than sale on the antiques market.
- 11 Leave sites clean, tidy and safe for stock and farm machinery. *Always* follow the Country Code. Please close all gates.
- 12 Report any dangerous item such as ammunition or bombs to the police and landowner. Mark the site and keep clear.
- 13 Be prepared at all times to protect your hobby and Code by reporting *all* bad conduct and deception to an appointed body. It is in the interest of all concerned to do so.
- 14 Seek regular contact with all archaeologists to advance knowledge and build up co-operation and trusting relationships.
- 15 In the event of unreasonable behaviour or action by any archaeological body or person, report to an approved Ombudsman and seek assistance. It may be purely a misunderstanding.

Revised 2016 in consultation with scheme members.



Metal Detectorists Liaison Scheme Membership Application Form 2020

Name.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Tel..... (Home)

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Email

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Club(s)

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I apply to join the Dorset Council Metal Detectorists Liaison Scheme, and subscribe to the *Dorset Code of Best Practice*. I am (please tick):

- a new applicant
- a scheme member
- a former scheme member

Membership number if renewing

New applicants *

Please attach one passport-sized photograph.

Signed.....

Date.....

Please complete and send to:

Claire Pinder, Senior Archaeologist
Dorset Council
County Hall
Dorchester
DT1 1XJ

*and members re-joining who have not been members since 2015

Please note:

The information with which you complete this form will be entered into a database used to create membership cards, and for the mailing of information relating to the Dorset Council Metal Detectorists Liaison Scheme, and of general interest relating to metal detecting, archaeology and archaeological events in Dorset.

Dorset Council is committed to compliance with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In particular, personal information you give us will be held securely and used only for the purpose or purposes for which it was collected.

Applications will be processed in batches and cards issued at the beginning of each month (or as soon after as is practicable).

Membership to be renewed annually.

Applications made on-line can be processed more quickly. Find an **on-line version of this form** at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/local-history-heritage/finding-dorset/metal-detectorists-liaison-scheme.aspx>

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2020

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