



UK HISTORY FINDERS



Member of: The Sport and Recreation Alliance

MODEL SEARCH AGREEMENT

I.....being the owner / occupier of land premises

known as.....situated at.....

agree that in consideration of the payment to the landowner / occupier of 50 % of the value or rewards arising from the recovery of any property or objects found by the undersigned [herein after called the licensee(s)] over the value of £ 500 , the licensee(s) may enter the said land or part thereof to search for items of buried or other material, whether antique or modern.

This agreement shall continue in force from (date)until (date).

Provided that: -

1 The licensee(s) shall hold a current NCMD membership card showing, details of their £10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance cover.

2. The licensee(s) shall always observe and adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD which is a condition of membership and includes reference to the voluntary Code of Practise for Responsible Metal Detecting (See overleaf).

3. The licensee(s) shall strictly observe and adhere to any guidelines or special conditions and area boundaries, which may be set out by the owner / occupier from time to time and to any terms and conditions with respect to metal detecting access specified in agri -environment agreements which may cover all or part of the said land.

4. The licensee(s) shall record finds made on the said land with third parties including The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), Historic Environment Records (HER) or any museum service only after gaining the appropriate permission of the landowner to do so and then only to an accuracy of findspots that all parties are comfortable with. All parties must abide by the terms and conditions of any agri-environment schemes that specify mandatory reporting of all finds made on land covered by such agreements with the PAS. (*Agri-Environmental Schemes are not applicable to Scotland and Wales*)

Special conditions and boundaries,

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SignedOwner / occupier Date.....

SignedLicensee Date

Name

Address.....

The National Council for Metal Detecting

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. See: <http://www.treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/index.asp>
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 recording. Details of these agreements and the access conditions they impose are detailed on the NCMD website.
8. Acquaint yourself with the terms and definitions used in the following documents: -
 - (1) Treasure contained in the Treasure Act 1996 and its associated Code of Practice, making sure you understand your responsibilities.
 - (2) Advice for Finders of Archaeological Objects including Treasure 2006.
 - (3) The voluntary Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting to which the NCMD is an endorsee.
 - (4) Advice for finders in Scotland: see <http://www.treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/html/finders.asp>
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.