

METAL DETECTOR POLICY

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Policy Concerning Metal Detecting on land owned by Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council.

- In general, metal detecting is not permitted on any land owned by Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council.
- Any proposal to carry out metal detecting on Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council land will only be considered as part of a programme of historical or archaeological research.
- Persons or organisations wishing to carry out such research will need to apply in writing to Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council.
- Any individual carrying out metal detecting shall hold a current National Council for Metal Detecting (NCMD) membership card showing details of their £10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance Cover.
- Any organisation carrying out metal detecting shall hold Public Liability Insurance to the same level.
- Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD.
- Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall strictly observe and adhere to any special conditions set out by Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council.
- Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall record finds with third parties including:
 - the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)
 - Historic Environment Records (HER)
 - Any museum service after gaining permission from Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council.

All treasure as defined by the Treasure Act 1996, together with any artefacts including, amongst others, metal objects, worked flints, pottery and worked bone shall remain the property of Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council. The rules and procedures as set out in the Treasure Act 1996 will need to be followed and complied with.