



Welcome to UKDN

Your Information Pack

Thank you for joining the UK's most responsible metal detecting forum. We hope it provides you with many hours of enjoyment. This document has been put together to make relevant information about all aspects of the hobby readily available to get you started as quickly as possible whilst adopting the best metal detecting practices.

UKDN (UK DETECTOR NET) was created on September 28th 2002 to bring together responsible metal detectorists everywhere to discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects.

We have a membership list of over 8000 users which is growing daily and UKDN is a very lively forum which, as it's founders **Brian and Mo. Cross** intended, is still FREE to all users.

We run monthly Coin and Find of the Month Competitions which are sponsored by the Treasure Hunting magazine whom we thank for their support. We also run regular free UKDN lottery competitions with detecting related prizes.

UKDN Aims

1. To develop a greater understanding of the hobby and some of the wider issues through healthy pro active debate within the forum and through the monthly Magazine, WORD which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. WORD Magazine includes UKDN based news and articles, as well as wider news, debate, and issues of heritage interest.
2. To provide a platform to inform beginners in the hobby of the basic principles in the use of a metal detector, gaining permission, site research, basic heritage law, farming scheme rules and in 'best practice' for conservation, recording and co-operation.
3. To actively promote the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting' to all members of the UKDN on-line and beyond.
4. To encourage all UKDN detectorists to record their finds with the appropriate bodies (depending where they detect); In England and Wales, this is with the Portable Antiquities Scheme, in Scotland this is with the Treasure Trove Unit.
5. UKDN will actively work towards ensuring the future security of the hobby. We will liaise and co-operate with heritage professionals in a way which is mutually beneficial to all parties, whilst maintaining our independence, and we encourage their active participation, either in the UKDN on-line community or through our on-line Magazine.

Invite a friend to join UKDN

If you enjoy your visits to UKDN, please consider forwarding this .PDF to a friend inviting him or her to join UKDN, making the forum even bigger and better, by clicking on this link;

[Join UKDN Here](#)

Illegal metal detecting on Scheduled Ancient Monuments, (known as Nighthawking when carried out at night), is smearing the image of our hobby. Should you know of this activity going on, please report it to the local Police, ring 101 or if in progress ring 999.





Useful Websites

Detector Manuals

[Bounty Hunter](#)
[C Scope](#)
[Fisher](#)
[Garrett](#)
[Minelab](#)
[Tesoro](#)
[Viking](#)
[Whites](#)
[XP](#)
[Makro](#)
[Teknetics](#)

Magazines

[UKDN WORD Magazine](#)
[Searcher](#)
[Treasure Hunting](#)

Joining a Club

[List of Clubs](#)

Insurance

Highly Recommended, essential for Club members, inexpensive.

[NCMD](#)
[FID](#)

Detecting - Permission must be obtained

Detecting permission is required for all land, it is generally easiest to get on beaches, some areas are owned by the Crown Estate (terms & conditions apply) & some by local Councils who tend to prohibit it, but still try.

Permission on farm land means knocking on farm doors or writing to Landowners to ask permission to search the land (best obtained in writing in case of any later dispute should something of high value be found).

On Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) land you must strictly follow the Responsible Detecting Code of Practice in England & Wales (see below) so Landowners do not compromise the terms of their agreement.

Parks too are generally down to the Local Council who may be worth asking if you can convince them you will cause the minimum of disturbance to the grass, will remove litter, needles, glass etc, leaving it better than it was.

***Detecting is prohibited or special permission must be obtained, these sites are generally shown on the Magic Map, ask your FLO or HER (see over).**

[Beaches - Crown Estate](#)
[Farm Ownership](#)
[Farm Register](#)
[Farm ELS Rules](#)
[Parks \(email Council\)](#)
[Public rights of way](#)
[ELS/HLS Land, Battlefields & SAM's, SSSI's in England Map*](#)
[Nature Reserves Map*](#)
[SAM's in Wales Map*](#)
[SAM's in Scotland Map*](#)
[Thames foreshore Rallies](#)

Codes of Practice

Please respect the Countryside Code. The Responsible Detecting Code of Practice is regarded best practice by those concerned about our heritage.

[Countryside Code](#)
[Responsible Detecting - Code of Practice](#)

Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) Finds Recording

The PAS is a voluntary scheme to record archaeological objects found by the public in England & Wales. If recorded these finds have the potential to tell us much about the past, such as how & where people lived & about the types of objects they made & used. A recording accuracy of 6 figs min is preferred. Contact your local Finds Liaison Officer to record (see over).

Treasure our past & record it with PAS

[Recording via GPS](#)
[Purchase a GPS](#)
[GPS App for Mobile Phones](#)
[Recording via O/S](#)
[Bagging, Storing & Conserving finds](#)



Useful Websites

PAS or HER Finds Recording

Essential if you don't want to leave holes in the archaeological record. To record a find with PAS, contact your Finds Liaison Officer (FLO), who can generally be found at your local Museum (see contact list) . FLO's visit metal detecting clubs too which is a good reason to become a club member.

[PAS - Get Involved](#)

[PAS Contact List](#)

[Regional Map](#)

[Advice for finders](#)

PAS Database

The database contains over 400,000 objects recorded since the creation of PAS in 1997, the vast majority recorded by metal detectorists.

[Search Database](#)

[Search Images](#)

Historic Environment Records (HER)

You can also record your finds with your county Historic Environmental Records (HER). They also have archaeological records for your area including Tithe Maps & details of Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM's).

[Contact Details](#)

[Get involved in archaeology](#)

Coin Identification

There are lots of internet sites that are useful for identifying coins, here are just a small selection.

[Milled](#)

[Hammered](#)

[Roman](#)

[Roman Modern](#)

[Celtic](#)



Maps

Essential for recording & plotting your find spots & researching you sites. The Google Earth with combined O/S map can give you a 10 figure NGR (National Grid Reference). With the Google Earth Version 5.0 you can download your find spots & routes taken with a Global Positioning System (GPS). Magic Map can show no go areas such as SAM's & SSSI's & show ELS agreement land. British History & Vision of Britain are historic maps.

[Google Earth & OS 10fig NGR](#)

[Google Earth Pro](#)

[Google Earth Fly To](#)

[Bing Map](#)

[Magic Map](#)

[ELS/HLS Land & SAM'S](#)

[British History](#)

[Vision of Britain](#)

Treasure Act & Treasure Trove

Care should be taken excavating treasure & consideration given to it being removed by archaeologists so it's provenance can be properly recorded. Do not clean the find, as this could affect the conservation & therefore the valuation. It must be reported within 14 days, take plenty of photo's & get an independent valuation before handing in if possible.

[Treasure Act England & Wales](#)

[Treasure Trove in Scotland](#)

Treasure Definition

[See page 8 for definition](#)

Treasure Reports

[2000/1](#)

[2001/3](#)

[2003/4](#)

[2004/5](#)

[2005/6](#)

Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC)

The TVC has regular meetings to value treasure items found, based upon past valuations & latest commercial information. Their findings can be contested, by submitting your own valuation.

[Valuation Info see page 36](#)

UK DETECTOR NET Useful Links

[UKDN Magazines](#)

[UKDN Beginners Section](#)

[UKDN Glossary](#)