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Welcome to this issue, Number 130, dated June 2018, and published by UK DETECTOR NET. It is another packed issue containing articles written by our members. And good they are, too. Obviously, we want more of the same so ask that, if you are interested in seeing a piece you have written within these pages, then please just drop a line to Brian & Mo' or any member of the team.

This month and the following weeks of high summer are dreaded by most detectorists. We try to get out on our local beaches but, for many of us, these next six or seven weeks can make us go stir crazy with boredom. We suggest it's better to make use of this slack time by doing a bit of research on those finds you are unsure about. Why not stick a few photos of them up to the UKDN forum and see what the view of others is about them.

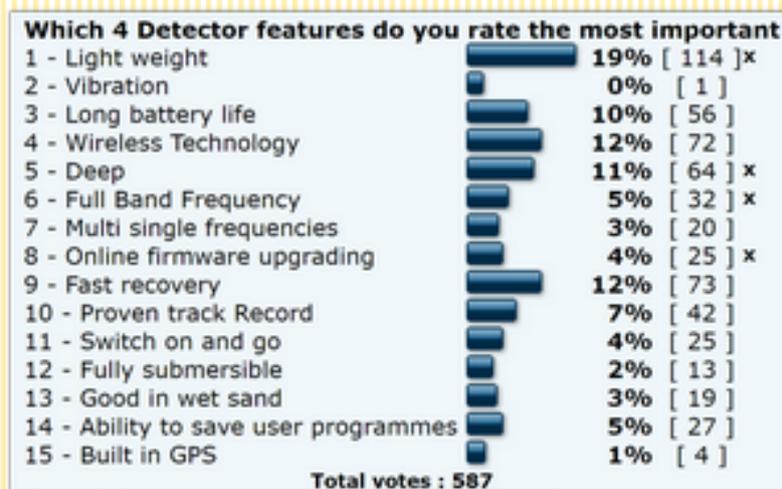
The forum is running well and a new initiative is now taking place whereby new people joining the forum are being sent an informative email explaining how parts of the forum work and instructing them how to make their first post to introduce themselves. Please help make them feel welcome by commenting on their first few posts.

UKDN is always trying to evolve and improve but we do need the volunteers to do a lot of the work. If you are interested in helping out in any way then, as always, just contact a member of the team. We are especially looking for people who can help out with this magazine.

On a final note..... if you do manage to get out detecting during the coming weeks then please, please, post your finds up to the forum so all of us who haven't got any land to go on have something to keep us occupied.

Good hunting everyone.

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# Did you See

With almost 500 members visiting every single day and 100's of new posts every day it is so easy for you, the members of UKDN, to miss out on some very interesting posts. So, each month in the magazine we will bring to your attention some posts that you might have missed like.....click on the link

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# Spotlight on....

## Jimmytheferret

When I sat down to write this, I realised something that seemed to have slipped by without much notice being taken...forty years (and a bit more besides). Just after the long, hot summer of 1976 was when I first lifted up a C-Scope by its shepherd's crook handle and thought that this seemed like an interesting hobby to be involved with. And now, in 2018, I am still picking up a metal detector and realising just what a wonderful hobby this has been and still remains. These days, however, my armoury consists of an XP Deus and a Goldmaxx Power, two machines that complement each other nicely.

Those early years were spent with a group of friends every Sunday, when we met up and searched the grassy plains and the woodland and streams that made up Sutton Park on the outskirts of Birmingham. Every excursion brought us back home with pockets full of "treasures" to be examined, cleaned, investigated and stored away. We never found anything of great age or historical importance in those days, and the most valuable item would probably be an occasional fifty pence piece, but that never mattered. As far as we were concerned, this was our history that we were finding and every Georgian or Victorian penny, or each army badge or scout woggle had a story to tell.

We kept this up for some years and then I sort of dipped in and out of the hobby as the years went on. There was always a detector handy to take on holiday for beach searching or the occasional wander across farm fields, and each session brought about that feeling of not being the first one to traverse the landscape and of just how many generations had worked the land and had left behind such tantalising reminders of their brief lives.

Some years back I decided that maybe I should join a club and see what this might do for me. A wise choice as it happened. I immediately found myself in the company of other like-minded people, and advice, assistance and camaraderie were in plentiful supply. I found myself able to visit new fields that would obligingly provide medieval hammered coins or Roman artefacts and suchlike, and this enthused me even more than that it had done many years before. It will be no surprise for many people just how much their finds rate will improve by joining a club and assimilating ideas and advice from other members.

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*Here's me indulging in my main hobby (yes it's true – detecting is not my first hobby ) I've been collecting records for 50 years now, and I do a weekly radio broadcast that I record in my studio at home.*

I live in Staffordshire, pretty much in the middle of England, and as nice as the county may be, it can never count itself as ever being as rich or as populous as other areas of the country were in former times. It will never lay claim to countless Roman villas or Saxon settlements; wealthy medieval villages are not found in abundance, and Viking objects are commensurate with the provision of rocking horse manure round these parts. Still, since joining the club I have managed a steady stream of hammered coins along with a modest collection of Roman items and many other coins and artefacts from the last 2000 years.

However, as most of you will be aware, it doesn't have to be something of great value or rarity to provide pleasure. I can derive as much satisfaction from digging up a humble beehive thimble as from unearthing a shiny hammered coin. For me it's all about what it meant at the time, and the loss of a thimble could mean the difference between eating or starving for the impoverished weaver of the day. My chance find in the twenty-first century could have been the last rites for someone else many centuries ago. I have been fortunate enough to recover one item that was classed as treasure and is probably my ace find thus far.

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*My Beautiful Saxon Pendant*

This came about during 2004 when I managed to unearth a Saxon gold and garnet pendant dating to the seventh century; an object that now resides in the Potteries Museum in Stoke on Trent for all to view. The item itself was only the size of one's thumbnail, but was a square form and was only the third of its kind found in the country and the first ever in Staffordshire, and came up from an area that has no record of Saxon habitation whatsoever.

However, a few years after making this find, the Staffordshire Hoard turned up in a field just over half a mile from my find. The time frame for the finds is the same, so there must be a connection. My find was high status female jewellery, whereas the hoard, which was found by a friend of mine, is mainly of military items.



*My Gold Posy ring*

I have to consider myself unbelievably privileged to have found such an article, but even more important is the fact that I have been able to rescue an important piece of history that had languished unseen for 1400 years and may have been lost forever except for the intervention of fate. I have had other treasure items since then, including a gold posy ring and a hoard of denarii. As far as my favourite coin is concerned, I suppose it would be the gold quarter noble of Edward III that I chanced across some years long back, although my Henry VIII groat runs a close second, and my oldest coin thus far is a denarius of Scipio from 47 BC and minted in North Africa.

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*My Hoard of Denarii*



*My Favourite coin - a Quarter noble of Edward III*

As far as our club is concerned, the Bloxwich Research & Metal Detector Club, we do our best to put something back into the community wherever possible. We received a grant from Awards For All, part of the National Lottery, and we purchased a laptop computer, digital projector and other items. We have put together a PowerPoint presentation, and I now visit various community groups in the region and give presentations on the club finds and how they relate to the history of their county. We also put on a club stand at the local country shows during the summer, which helps to give the local population an understanding of what the hobby is all about, and it also helps to acquire new land from time to time.

Our club has a thriving membership of around 120, and we try to provide a pleasant social meeting and well-attended club digs. I work as club secretary these days and I also organise the weekly searches for our members. This brings me into contact with our local landowners and enables me to see another facet of the hobby. We're fortunate insofar as we have a roster of supportive and accommodating farmers who provide us with some relatively fruitful land for searching, and this ensures we get high attendances throughout the year. We also foster a good working relationship with our local FLO and we encourage members to record as much as possible, something that can only prove beneficial to all parties.

I like to get to a rally when time permits, although most Sundays are tied up with running the club digs. Occasionally there are rallies within striking distance and I will try to spend a Saturday there whenever possible, as it's always nice to meet up with searchers from other parts of the country.

I'm fortunate in that I run my own business, so I can give myself time off in the week if I want to go searching. I just wish I could find more days when spare time doesn't always appear on the rainiest of days, but I suppose that's life.

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*My oldest coin so far -  
A Denarius of Scipio from 47 BC and minted in  
North Africa.*

While writing this article, I also noticed something else – a severe lack of pictures of myself in action. I’m always the one taking pictures of everybody else and their finds on club digs and never seem to get any pictures of myself detecting. I’ve managed to beg a few from other people and some of you may have already seen me without knowing it. I’m on the front cover of a DVD production from some years ago called *The Complete Guide to Metal Detecting*, so many thanks to Steve Timewell for providing some pictures.

I know that I’m probably preaching to the converted, since anybody reading this is, by definition, well entrenched in the hobby, but get out there and enjoy it. This is your hobby, this is your history – make it come alive.



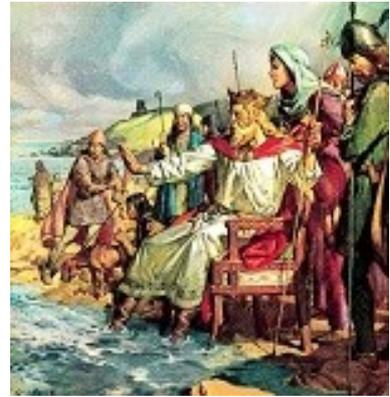
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# The Perfect Job

## By

# King Canute



As detectorists many of us have to juggle our interest in the hobby with work commitments and often also home life, in my case including a very understanding wife and 3 children. All of which can pose difficulties in getting out detecting, as much as I would like. So when I saw a job advertised that I thought might work well with my hobby, it wasn't the only reason I went for the job, but it certainly was a factor in the my decision to accept it.

So what is my job....?

I run a charity that is creating new areas of woodland and forest over a 61 sq mile area of Bedfordshire (that's the bit that caught my eye!). However, as a charitable Trust we don't own the 61 square miles, but over the years the charity has acquired around 800 hectares of former arable land that it has subsequently planted up with trees. Whilst this makes it a little difficult to detect on, there are picnic glades and grass paths through the woodlands and so I have had plenty of places to choose from. I also take the opportunity to use my Deus to survey and record finds on any new areas we purchase, prior to them being planted up.

After taking up the job I contacted the local FLO and discussed with him metal detecting areas of land the Trust owned and in particular areas that were going to planted up. He was more than happy to work with me as it was all ex arable and therefore the finds would be in the ploughed top soil and I would be recording finds that otherwise would be lost under woodland.

For those of you who don't know Bedfordshire, it's an area that saw plenty of Roman habitation and industry and was on the edge of the Danelaw area with Viking occupation to the East and Saxon to the west, with Bedford itself changing hands as a 'border town' a number of times.

Unfortunately, I have yet to find anything obviously identifiable as Saxon or Viking, but I have found a number of interesting things across our sites including a scattered Roman hoard of coins. I excavated 43 copper-alloy coins

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of the following Emperors and period of 260-395 AD, so a 135 year period.

Postumus	260-269 AD
Claudius II	268-270 AD
Carausius	286-293 AD
Constantine	321-334 AD
Constans	347-348 AD
Valens	364-378 AD
Theodosius	383-395 AD



(A copper-alloy nummus of the House of Constantine, dating to the period AD 332-333 'She-wolf and twins reverse'. Mint of Trier. Diameter: 18mm; thickness: 1.8mm. Weight: 2.63g.)



The coins came from a range of Roman mints from London, Trier (Germany), Arles (France), Ticinum, Rome and Milan (Italy), so confirming the spread and trading span of the Roman empire at its peak and into its decline in the 4th Century.

Another noticeable find nearby was this enamelled brooch. It's amazing to see the colours of the enamelling that can still be seen after some 1400 years in the soil. Much of my finds over the years show that Bedfordshire must have been a trading cross-road over the centuries, with trade weights, French and German made trading jettons, 17th century trading tokens plus numerous medieval hammered coins being fairly regular finds.



(A Roman copper-alloy disc brooch. Enamelled disc brooches of this form probably date from the late 1st to mid 3rd centuries AD. Dimensions: 22.1mm long, 21mm wide, 1.5mm thick. Weight: 3.11g.)



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My only bit of 'recordable' treasure also came from the same site as the Roman scattered hoard, but I didn't realise at the time. It was the FLO who picked it out amongst some other parti-facts, and informed me that what I thought was a broken base metal ring was in fact a child's silver Roman intaglio ring. It took a while to go through the treasure system and was subsequently disclaimed.



*(Just under half of a Roman silver finger ring. The hoop is of 'D-shaped' section, flaring towards the shoulder and bezel. Part of an oval setting occupies the flat surface of the bezel and has an unidentified, off-white substance adhering to its surface. Ring is of classic Henig type II form and probably dates from the late 1st to late 2nd/early 3rd century  
Dimensions: Length: 15.6mm, Width at bezel: 8.4mm, Thickness: 2.9mm, Weight: 1.81g.)*



The oldest coin I have found, which is perhaps (not unsurprisingly), one of my favourites is this ancient Briton silver unit of the Trinovantes/Catuvellauni. Every time I look at it, I always marvel at the craftsmanship and intricacy of its design.



*(An Iron Age silver unit of 'Whaddon Chase' type. Also known as a Listers Head. Minted c. 50 BC-c. 20 BC.  
Dimensions: diameter: 14.1mm; thickness: 1mm. Weight: 1.14g.)*



*A silver penny of John, dating to the period 1207-1210. Voided short-cross coinage, Class 5c. Reverse legend: WILLELM.T.ON.LV (London mint).  
Diameter: 18.6 mm; thickness: 0.6 mm. Weight: 1.4 g)*



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People (who aren't detectorists) often ask 'what do you do with everything you find'. Well I do record my finds on the PAS via my local FLO, after which I add it to the steadily increasing collection. I then also give talks here at the Community Forest every couple of years, as part of our free 'Learning Lunches' for the local community, on metal detecting and finds across the Forest. When requested I also give talks to local social/historical groups, sharing some of the interesting finds that I have found.

Finally, as detectorists you will probably relate to this – once you have found, gently cleaned and researched a coin; it stays with you, especially if its slightly different and therefore memorable. So when one evening while looking online through a guide to medieval coins for archaeologists – I said 'that's my coin they have used!', my wife didn't believe me.

[BAJR - Medieval Coin Identification Guide](#) - an excellent range of online guides by the way (my coin is on p29)

When I explained that I was sure it was, as a good coin is like your own child, i.e. you would never forget what they look like! I don't know whether she was impressed, or she felt sad that I was relating our children, to metal detecting finds.

The coin in question was this Henry VI half-groat, it was particularly memorable as it was my first ever hammered coin, and I could still take you to the very spot where I unearthed it...



*(A silver halfgroat of Henry VI. First Reign, Leaf-Mascle issue, 1434-1435. Minted at London, although reverse appears to be muled with that of Calais. Dimensions: diameter: 22.4mm; thickness: 0.4mm. Weight: 1.71g.)*



.....whereas I'm not sure I could drive you to the hospital where my first child was born, but then again after three children it all becomes a bit of a blur, perhaps I won't mention that to my wife!

Note: I have to point out that my charity has a strict 'no metal detecting' policy unless written permission is obtained.

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# A Closer Look at Artefacts in Your Finds Bag

By Kev Woodward

## Counter-stamped copper coins

Anyone who has metal-detected for even just a short time will know that most fields will give up a Georgian copper coin. The first four king Georges minted good quality coinage which throughout their reigns their subjects found all too easy to lose judging by how many we find!

It was an age of innovation and business so it isn't surprising that those with the ideas and education decided that old worn coins made good advertising or memorial items – recycling/upcycling is nothing new!

Here we will look at two different ways in which these worn coins were re-used to evoke different thoughts and even emotions, the first of which definitely manages the latter.



Image courtesy of PAS

Eighteenth century justice was harsh by modern standards and apart from capital punishment there was also the virtual life sentence of transportation to far off lands in the New World. In 1800 a twenty-three year old woman Orderly (Audrey) Appleyard was convicted of stealing at Lincoln and sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia. Before she was put on board the transportation ship the *Earl Cornwallis* bound for Port Jackson, New South Wales, she managed to make, or have made, the medallion shown above. Clearly she knew that it was highly probable that she would never return to see her mother, so this memorial token is charged with the emotion that must have been present when they said their farewells.

The sentiment behind the reverse inscription shows that she was a strong minded woman who felt harshly dealt with. It reads "Mother my trust is in God and I will not fear what man can do unto me". This is not from scripture so she was likely to have been a Non-Conformist.

The journey to Australia took 206 days and she landed on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1801 along with 296 other convicts. Of those, only 95 were female, eight of which died during the voyage. She made a new life for herself, marrying an earlier settler John Gowen in 1805 and had five children with him before she died there on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1819 aged 42.

The National Museum of Australia has the largest collection of these so called 'convict love tokens' all of which record the heartache and emotions that were undoubtedly shown at the time. They can be seen here [http://www.nma.gov.au/collections-search/results?search=adv&type=Convict+love+tokens'](http://www.nma.gov.au/collections-search/results?search=adv&type=Convict+love+tokens)

As mentioned earlier this was a time of business and entrepreneurs so getting your business known was as hard then as it is now. A cheap and easy way to spread the word about your business was to counter-stamp old copper coins with your business name. These can also double up as tokens to spend in your shop or tallies to pay your workers to then spend in your shop!

I have found several counter-stamped coins over the years; most have just had initials on them so not so easy to research. However, every now and then a better example is unearthed and research is possible – I have discovered that researching a find is just as much fun as searching for and digging them up.

One I found last year was a much worn George III halfpenny counter-stamped 'LOWIS'. A quick internet search for the name and the town it was found near revealed it was made by John Lewis a linen draper from Spilsby in Lincolnshire and he was in business circa 1805. A great little piece of local history that is now in my collection and not the scrap bin. Unfortunately the counter-stamp is too shallow to photograph on my example but a few others are included here.





John Cail, a scientific instrument maker

Courtesy of the British Museum

Counter-stamping has also been carried out for political reasons, again a cheap but effective way to get your message across to a wider audience. As can be seen from these examples much can be learned from these normally mundane coin finds. I urge all detectorists to look closely at all your Georgian 'grots' as any mud covered etched inscriptions could easily be missed, as could a weak counter-stamp. Even if your next few worn coppers are just that at least you will have had that short buzz of potentially finding a little gem.

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**UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera  
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

**Winner - Jimmytheferret -  
Dunlop Number 6**

**Taken with a Nikon D300S & a Nikon 70-200  
F2.8**



# UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

## Runner-up - Restyler - Open Wide

Taken with a 600 - 60 makro lens



Part of a timelapse sequence I took of my new plant "BooBoo"  
This was on day 2 {April 28th} out of a 9 day sequence of 1 shot per hour  
finally gave up earlier today after the frontmost "mouth" had only just  
opened to around 8mm  
(filmed the LH "mouth" eating its first meal this afternoon, but that will have  
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[\*Anglo-Saxons knowledge of astronomy\*](#)

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[\*Rare Roman ring found on Cumbrian beach\*](#)

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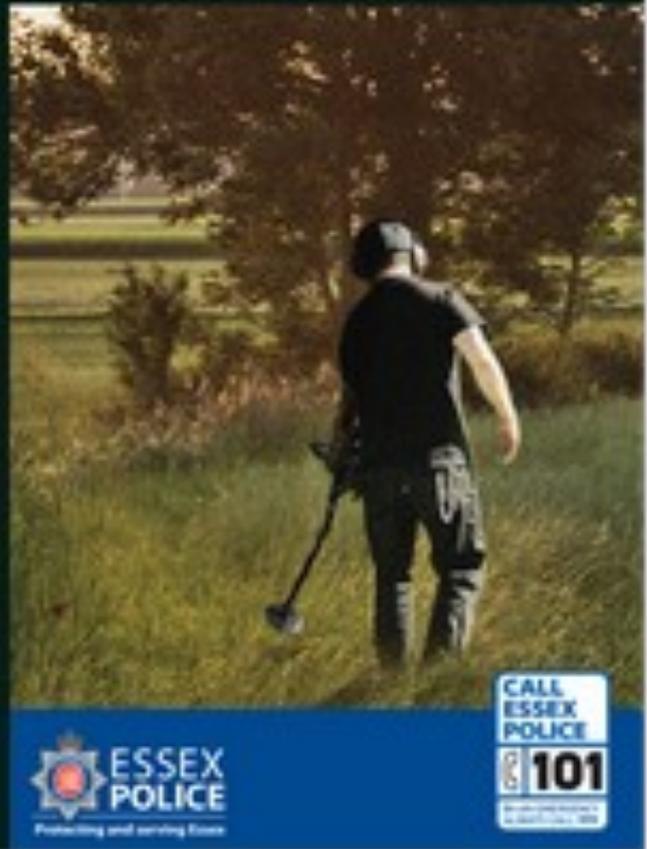
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**What is Nighthawking?**

Nighthawking is a term used in the United Kingdom to describe illegal metal detecting on farmland, archaeological sites and other areas of archaeological interest, usually in order to steal coins and other artefacts for their historical and financial value. Nighthawking refers to the fact that such illegal activity is often undertaken at night to avoid detection and arrest. Although this is deceiving as it also occurs during the day. It can occur anywhere in the country, but counties such as Yorkshire, Essex, Kent, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk are particularly vulnerable due to the rich heritage and large amounts of arable land that exist in these areas.

**What should you do if you find Night Hawkers on your land?**

Whether day or night, if you find Nighthawkers on your land call the Police on 999, as there is a crime in progress. Do not approach them as this would scare them off or they may become aggressive towards you. Gather information by taking registration numbers of vehicles and descriptions of those involved and pass these details to the Police immediately.

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### New malting barley approvals

The Maltsters Association of Great Britain's malting barley committee has given variety, Craft Full Approval for brewing.



### Wheat growth stage countdown (4)

After two seasons of considerable crop variability FGinsight will be following wheat fields on four farms from Kent to Berwickshire, tracking growth stage development


### MEP calls for cross-Government steering group to ensure joined-up ag policy

An MEP has called for the creation of a cross-sector Government body to ensure a joined-up approach to agricultural policy making after Brexit.


### Keeping an eye on the grain market: May 24 update

What to watch: Weather is dominating the wheat markets, with concerns in the US and dryness worries for Canada, Australia and the Black Sea region.





Detectorists are seen by the public as portrayed in the media, dare I say as the good, the bad and the ugly, ie;

- Those who are recovering our history for the benefit of future generations by following [the code of practice for responsible metal detecting in England and Wales](#) agreed by all parties including the NCMD, the NFU and English Heritage, by helping in the community and recording their finds.

And by reporting all finds as [Treasure Trove in Scotland](#).

- Those who are depriving future generations of our history by not following the code of practice and not recording their finds even though [recording is mandatory in the countryside stewardship landowners agreement](#).

- Those who are thieves who use detectors to steal from farmland and Scheduled monuments.

This new section of the magazine is to promote good practice and is dedicated to the ambassadors of the hobby of whom we are so proud. Their deeds have in the past been spread throughout the magazine but are now brought together to improve their presentation.

## **CODE OF PRACTICE FOR RESPONSIBLE METAL DETECTING UPDATED**

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## Ways we can help the PAS

PAS funding has been reduced leading to fewer FLO's and so the PAS is looking for better ways to manage their work load as they are working at full capacity;

<https://finds.org.uk/getinvolved/guides/pressures>

They are taking on volunteer recorders;

<https://finds.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteering/role/id/12>

And are promoting self recording;

<https://finds.org.uk/counties/leicestershire/tag/british-museum/>

I would welcome any suggestions on how we can help PAS and the hobby get through this period of austerity.

My thoughts are that we can all help by having information available when recording, the more help we can give the PAS the better I.e. By;

**1.** Have a National Grid Reference of your find spot ready when you see the FLO, this saves getting a map out and finding the NGR. If you can give a 10 figure reference using a GPS it would be much appreciated;

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1/276-8734508-8923167?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=garmin+etrex&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Agarmin+etrex](http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1/276-8734508-8923167?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=garmin+etrex&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Agarmin+etrex)

Or download the Grid Reference App to your Android phone (set it for 10 figs); [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.blerg&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.blerg&hl=en_GB)

Or use the Grid Reference Finder website;

<http://www.gridreferencefinder.com/>

**2.** If you can fill in the details of your find on a "Finds recording sheet" in advance this will save precious PAS time. Basic info; <http://atoz.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/PAS%20find%20recording%20labels.doc>

More info; <http://atoz.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/PAS%20finds%20recording%20sheet.pdf>

**3.** Better still if you are willing to purchase a set of jewelers scales; [http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_4\\_8?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=jewelers+scales&sprefix=jewelers%2Caps%2C188&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Ajewelers+scales](http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_4_8?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=jewelers+scales&sprefix=jewelers%2Caps%2C188&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Ajewelers+scales)

And a digital caliper;

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=caliper+measure&tag=googhydr-21&index=aps&hvadid=48450325458&hvpos=1t1&hvexid=&hvnetw=g&hvrاند=5959077009827215455&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvmqmt=b&hvdev=c&ref=pd\\_sl\\_9rw416xiuq\\_b](http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=caliper+measure&tag=googhydr-21&index=aps&hvadid=48450325458&hvpos=1t1&hvexid=&hvnetw=g&hvrاند=5959077009827215455&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvmqmt=b&hvdev=c&ref=pd_sl_9rw416xiuq_b)

The weights and dimensions of the finds would be much appreciated saving even more time.

**Tip - to show your landowner the finds you have recorded with PAS;**

Log on to PAS

Click on your name

Look down the account list and the URL containing your unique identifier number will be shown in blue. Email this URL to your landowner or friends etc.

4. Or you can go the whole hog and self record, this requires you to undertake an initial meeting with your FLO to assess your level of ability and then up to 5 training sessions with PAS to ensure you are competent to do this as you would need to take quality images of the finds and ID them accurately as per others on the PAS database and enter them correctly, although not all sessions are necessary if you can demonstrate that you are able to self record to the PAS standard. Your FLO is only an email or phone call away to help and guide you if you are unsure of a particular aspect of self recording.

Volunteers guide to recording objects;

<https://finds.org.uk/volunteerrecording>

Flow of objects;

<https://finds.org.uk/documents/guide.pdf#page=7>

Please feel free to share this information to assist the PAS and strengthen our hobby.

Flickr link for PAS images;

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/finds/albums>

Local Heroes theme song;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5maW-BTJ2LE>

Find my FLO

<http://rjw57.github.io/findmyflo/>



Welcome to the Portable Antiquities Scheme website  
The Portable Antiquities Scheme is a DCMS funded project to encourage the voluntary recording of archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales. Every year many thousands of objects are discovered, many of these by metal-detector users, but also by people whilst out walking, gardening or going about their daily work.

[Register](#)

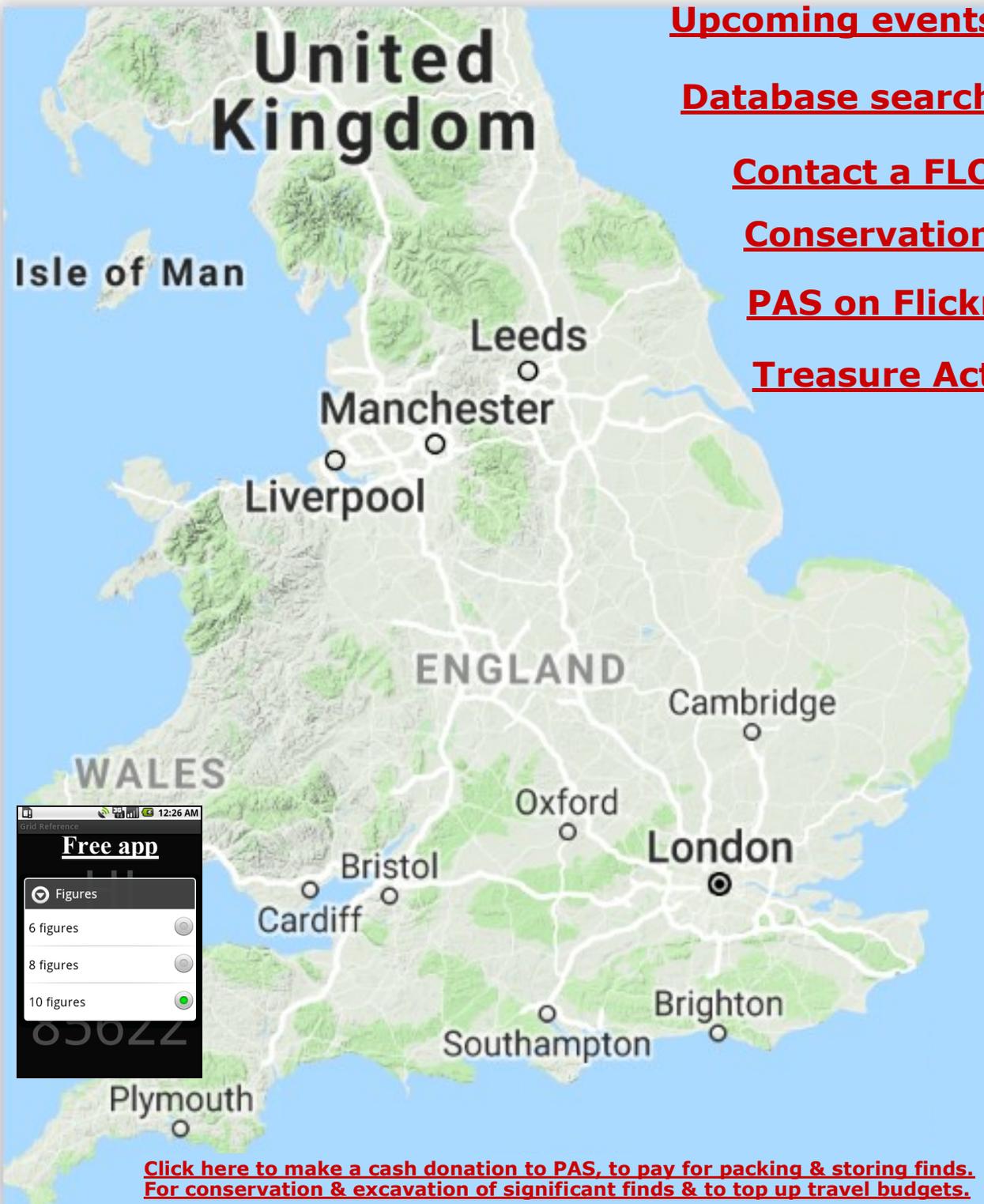
[Search the database](#)

**Portable Antiquities Scheme**

[www.finds.org.uk](http://www.finds.org.uk)

# PAS Upcoming Events

## Click on text



The image features a topographic map of the United Kingdom, including the Isle of Man, with major cities marked: Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Cambridge, Oxford, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Southampton, Brighton, and Plymouth. The regions of ENGLAND and WALES are also labeled. A mobile app interface is overlaid on the bottom left, showing a 'Free app' section with three options: '6 figures', '8 figures', and '10 figures', each with a radio button. The '10 figures' option is selected. The app interface also shows a status bar at the top with the time '12:26 AM' and various icons.

[Upcoming events](#)

[Database search](#)

[Contact a FLO](#)

[Conservation](#)

[PAS on Flickr](#)

[Treasure Act](#)

[Click here to make a cash donation to PAS, to pay for packing & storing finds. For conservation & excavation of significant finds & to top up travel budgets.](#)

# PAS Geographic News

Click on map



## [PAS on Twitter](#)

Portable Antiquities Retweeted



**Treasure Registrars** @TRegistrars · May 28

Thank you to the finder, who wishes to remain anonymous, and the landowner, the Squire de Lisle, for waiving their rewards and donating this coin hoard to [@LeicsMuseums finds.org.uk/database/artef...](#)



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**Portable Antiquities** @findsorguk · 16h

Good to see clear signage that metal-detecting is prohibited on this important Roman site [@EnglishHeritage](#) [@UniofReading](#) [@hantsconnect](#)



The PAS Database is free to view and record and all find spots are recorded for posterity

Click on the images for more info



# Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales



**The Treasure Act**  
Information for finders of Treasure  
(England & Wales)



Guidance for landowners, occupiers and tenant farmers in England and Wales  
Metal-detecting, Field-walking and Searching for Archaeological Objects: guidance for landowners, occupiers and tenant farmers in England and Wales  
This guidance had been jointly produced by the Country, Land & Business Association, the National Farmers Union and the Portable Antiquities Scheme, September 2010.

## Best Practice



Conservation Advice Notes

UKDN Detecting Guide - by Phil D			
What do I need	Where can or can't I detect	What might I find	What should I do when I find something
Equipment	Farm land permission req'd	Modern finds under 300 yrs old Lead, iron, copper alloy, silver & gold	Recording find spots with an O.S map or GPS or online map
Permission from the landowner/ Finds agreement	Reaches Permit req'd for Crown Estates	Recordable finds over 300yrs old Lead, iron, copper alloy, silver & gold	Recording with PAS Recording Treasure Trove
Club Membership can provide land	Mudlarking Permit req'd	Treasure finds Inform Rally Organiser & FLO	What recording can tell us
Consider NCAD or FFI membership & insurance	Local Parks & Council land permission req'd	Saxon Burials & Charred remains Stop digging & report to PAS FLO	Archaeological objects including treasure
Comply with the Responsible Detecting code of practice	Avoid SAM's & SSSI's in England, Wales & Scotland	Green Waste wear gloves take care	Bagging, cleaning & conserving finds
Understanding of the Treasure Act or Treasure Trove (Scotland)	Avoid National Trust land and Nature Reserves	Diseases wear gloves take care	Please consider donating your finds to a Museum
Understanding of local recovery	Avoid battlefields to retain their battle history	Ordnance - stop digging call Police Dept or Museum before you dig	Getting involved in archaeology
PAS Guide for landowners & farmers & Rally Guidance Note	Avoid footpaths	Join UKDN & our Finds Advisers will ID your finds & save you a PAS valuation time	PAS Frequently asked Questions



<b>Useful Weblinks</b>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - getting involved</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - Upcoming Events</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - self recording</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS -Recording Timeline</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - Advice for finders of archaeological objects including treasure</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - Conservation advice notes</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - Guidance to landowners, occupiers &amp; tenant farmers in England &amp; Wales</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>PAS - News from the scheme</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Grid Reference Android Phone App</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Responsible detecting code of practice</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Frome hoard time lapse video of excavation</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Press coverage of the Frome hoard discovery</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Burnham hoard excavation</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Staffordshire hoard excavation</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Staffordshire hoard at the BM</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Definition of Treasure</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>To Report Nighthawking - If in progress ring 999, if after the event click here &amp; enter post code, the phone number for your local Police Station is shown on the bottom right hand side</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Rallies &amp; Events - Searcher Magazine</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Rallies &amp; Events - Treasure Hunting Magazine</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Wheresthepath - For O/S &amp; Aerial Maps &amp; National Grid References</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Uk Grid Reference and Post Code Finder</i></b></a>
<a href="#"><b><i>Getting involved in archaeology</i></b></a>

## **New members in May 2018**

Brian and Mo and the team would like to thank and extend a warm welcome to all the new members listed below who have joined UKDN in the last month. Please introduce yourselves so that the members can welcome you aboard and make you feel at home. [Click here to introduce yourself](#)

If you are not already registered with UKDN you can register by clicking on this link and see what you are missing [Click here to register](#)

**LPmetaldetecting**

**mickpatchett**

**wanderlust4ever**

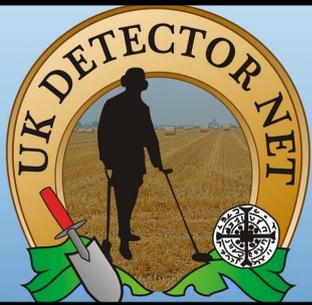
**KARL63**

**AnthonyHopkinson**

**Mic\_B**

**manny**

**SteveBurton**



# 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.**

## 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](#)

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PAS or HER Finds Recording</h2> <p>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.</p>	<p><a href="#">PAS - Get Involved</a>  <a href="#">PAS Contact List</a>  <a href="#">Regional Map</a>  <a href="#">Advice for finders</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">PAS Database</h2> <p>The database contains over 400,000 objects recorded since the creation of PAS in 1997, the vast majority recorded by metal detectorists.</p>	<p><a href="#">Search Database</a>  <a href="#">Search Images</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Historic Environment Records (HER)</h2> <p>You can also record your finds with your county Historic Environmental Records (HER). They also have archaeological records for your area including Tithe Maps &amp; details of Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM's).</p>	<p><a href="#">Contact Details</a>  <a href="#">Get involved in archaeology</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Coin Identification</h2> <p>There are lots of internet sites that are useful for identifying coins, here are just a small selection.</p>	<p><a href="#">Milled</a>  <a href="#">Hammered</a>  <a href="#">Roman</a>  <a href="#">Roman Modern</a>  <a href="#">Celtic</a></p> 
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Maps</h2> <p>Essential for recording &amp; plotting your find spots &amp; 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 &amp; routes taken with a Global Positioning System (GPS). Magic Map can show no go areas such as SAM's &amp; SSSI's &amp; show ELS agreement land. British History &amp; Vision of Britain are historic maps.</p>	<p><a href="#">Google Earth &amp; OS 10fig NGR</a>  <a href="#">Google Earth Pro</a>  <a href="#">Google Earth Fly To</a>  <a href="#">Bing Map</a>  <a href="#">Magic Map</a>  <a href="#">ELS/HLS Land &amp; SAM'S</a>  <a href="#">British History</a>  <a href="#">Vision of Britain</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Treasure Act &amp; Treasure Trove</h2> <p>Care should be taken excavating treasure &amp; 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 &amp; therefore the valuation. It must be reported within 14 days, take plenty of photo's &amp; get an independent valuation before handing in if possible.</p>	<p><a href="#">Treasure Act England &amp; Wales</a>  <a href="#">Treasure Trove in Scotland</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Treasure Definition</h2>	<p><a href="#">See page 8 for definition</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Treasure Reports</h2>	<p><a href="#">2000/1</a>      <a href="#">2001/3</a>      <a href="#">2003/4</a>  <a href="#">2004/5</a>      <a href="#">2005/6</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC)</h2> <p>The TVC has regular meetings to value treasure items found, based upon past valuations &amp; latest commercial information. Their findings can be contested, by submitting your own valuation.</p>	<p><a href="#">Valuation Info see page 36</a></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">UK DETECTOR NET Useful Links</h2>	<p><a href="#">UKDN Magazines</a>  <a href="#">UKDN Beginners Section</a>  <a href="#">UKDN Glossary</a></p>

# Landowner & Detectorist Search Agreement

I am seeking permission to search your land in compliance with the terms & conditions of your [Environmental Stewardship Scheme](#), [The Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting](#) & [Guidance for Land Owners, Occupiers & Tenant Farmers in England & Wales](#) agreed with the [Farmers Union](#). I am also covered by civil liability insurance.

## Finds may fall into several categories

### Rubbish

Most farmland is contaminated with lead and iron rubbish, some of which can damage farm equipment. This will be removed and the location of any large underground metalwork pointed out to you.



### Portable Antiquities

Finds over 300 years old that are not [Treasure](#) will be recovered in a proper manner and reported to the [Portable Antiquities Scheme \(PAS\)](#) for recording on the [National Database](#) along with their find spots in accordance with the [agreed code of practice](#). Finds of significant value (£ agreed with your self) can be sold and the proceeds shared 50/50 should you wish [ ]. Finds of lesser value I the finder shall own and [conserve](#) [ ].



### Treasure

Finds will be recovered in a proper manner. All finds of potential treasure are the property of the Crown and must be reported to the Coroner within 14 days of discovery.

The Coroner will decide whether the finds fall within the definition of Treasure as contained in the [Treasure Act 1996](#).

It will then be for the [Treasure Valuation Committee](#) to assess it's potential value and the disbursement of any reward.

If no museum has expressed an interest, the find will be returned to the finder with the permission of the landowner for disposal by a 50/50 agreement.

You will be kept informed of ALL finds made on your land by means of photographs via regular emails and details of all finds recorded by the PAS.

When all detecting is completed you will receive a memory stick containing records in chronological order of all finds found thus showing you the history of your land.



Agreed by the Landowner .....

Address .....

Agreed by the Detectorist .....

Address .....

Date.....

## Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs) and their work

The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) has been extremely successful, thanks to the contribution of the many metal-detector users and other finders who have volunteered archaeological finds for recording. However, most FLOs are now working at capacity, and therefore unable to record all finds offered for recording. In some areas volunteers and self-recorders are invaluable, but it is nonetheless necessary for FLOs (Finds Liaison Officers) to develop strategies to decide what to record and meet finder's expectations.

The aim of this note is to summarise the guidance offered to FLOs by the PAS Central Unit (British Museum) on how to work under these pressures.

### General

- FLO areas are diverse in their geography, the number of finders and the number of metal-detecting clubs etc, and therefore the PAS needs to adapt to differing local circumstances.
- All FLOs share a job description which is the basis of the funding agreement between the British Museum (which manages the PAS) and the host partners (which employ FLOs).
- Although FLOs work flexible hours they should only work their contracted hours. Therefore they need to balance their time in and out of the office (in order to dedicate enough time to recording finds) by restricting non-office based activities, such as visits to metal-detecting club, finds days etc.
- FLOs receive guidance on PAS policy from the PAS Central Unit via national and regional meetings, and by email. FLOs will normally refer to staff at the Central Unit for guidance on issues such as Stewardship Schemes, nighthawking etc.
- Most FLOs welcome volunteers or self-recorders, but due to practical issues can only take on a certain number at any time. They also must work within the rules set by their local host partners.
- FLOs attend training offered by the British Museum and the PAS Finds Advisers. However, they will refer to other experts about finds offered for recording as necessary. **Unfortunately PAS staff cannot invest time investigating objects that are unlikely to be recorded.**

**Any misuse of social media or any other complaints should be reported to [info@finds.org.uk](mailto:info@finds.org.uk) or PAS, Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory, British Museum, London, WC1B 3DG. Tel: 0207 323 8611/8618.**

### Finds Recording

- The core role of an FLO is to record archaeological finds to further our understanding of the archaeology of England and Wales. Outreach by FLOs is (normally) only undertaken to encourage the further reporting of finds (see above).
- FLOs record on average at least 1000 records a year and these take time to produce. They include a description of the find, find spot details, weight and dimensions, and a photograph or photographs. The PAS ID for the find allows finders to see it on-line and download a report should they wish to have one.
- FLOs will limit the number of finds they take in for recording, and this might vary from FLO area to FLO area. It is sensible for the FLO and finder to agree a time frame within which finds should be returned. FLOs will usually record finds on a first come first served basis, in order to be fair; occasionally there may be finds that require urgent attention that need to be prioritised.

Because many FLOs are working at capacity they need to be selective in what they record. It is at their discretion whether or not they record a particular find, based on local knowledge and experience.

# PAS Prioritising Recording Guidance

This guidance note is designed to help FLOs prioritise the recording of finds that advance archaeological knowledge.

## General Advice

- It is strongly recommended that FLOs make full use of volunteers and self-recorders.
- Finders should be encouraged to show you all of their finds so that you, not the finder, can exercise discretion whether or not to record a particular find.
- Refer to the PAS guides (e.g. Lithics Recording Protocol) for specific advice.
- Familiarise yourself with the regional and national Research Agendas for your area.
- Keep up to speed with current research projects that use PAS data, especially the sorts of questions researchers are asking of it.
- Develop strong links with your local HER and your local network of heritage professionals, and make use of the Heritage Gateway; these sources of advice may prove important in terms of knowing whether a find or assemblage is important.
- It is good practice to make a note any local recording biases (e.g. only recording crotal bells that have interesting marks, or buttons associated with local militia).

**The final decision to record a find will be based on your local knowledge and experience, supplemented (where necessary) by the advice of colleagues. If in doubt, ask.**

## Recording Priorities

- Priority will be given to finds with good findspots; at least a 6-figure NGR, though ideally greater using GPS. Exceptions may be made in certain circumstances.
- FLOs will selectively record post-medieval objects and coins (i.e. those dating to after 1540). Exceptions can be made for items of social or historical interest.
- Priority will be given to Treasure finds in view of the time constraints stipulated by the Act.
- Priority will be given to new assemblages, such as those which indicate previously unknown sites, and finds which advance knowledge of known 'sites' or landscapes.

**Priority will be given to finds that hold greater potential for advancing knowledge of material culture (e.g. typology, dating, distribution etc.).**

## Priority Checklist (the more ticks an object has the more likely its importance)

- Does this find have at least a 6-figure NGR?
- Is it of national, regional or local importance?
- Does it help identify an area of archaeological potential?
- Does it shed new light on a previously known site?
- Is it an object type that is being researched, or has research potential?
- Is it potential Treasure?

**Is it likely to advance knowledge of material culture (such as typology)?**

## Advice to finders

**It is important to explain that the decision to reject a find does not necessarily indicate that it has no archaeological value. Finders should be encouraged to maintain their collections in sufficient order so that non-recorded finds could (in theory) be recorded at a later date.**

## A cool way to record your find spot National Grid Refs

Download and install 'Grid Reference' app, a free mobile phone app which can give a 10 figure NGR if you have a Google account;

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.blerg&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.blerg&hl=en_GB)

On the find spot, photo or video your find with your mobile phone and then run the app;

Select 10 figure recording for maximum accuracy

Wait until the maximum number of satellites are acquired for high accuracy

Click on the big letter M at the top of the screen - this lets Google email the grid reference to anyone you want to

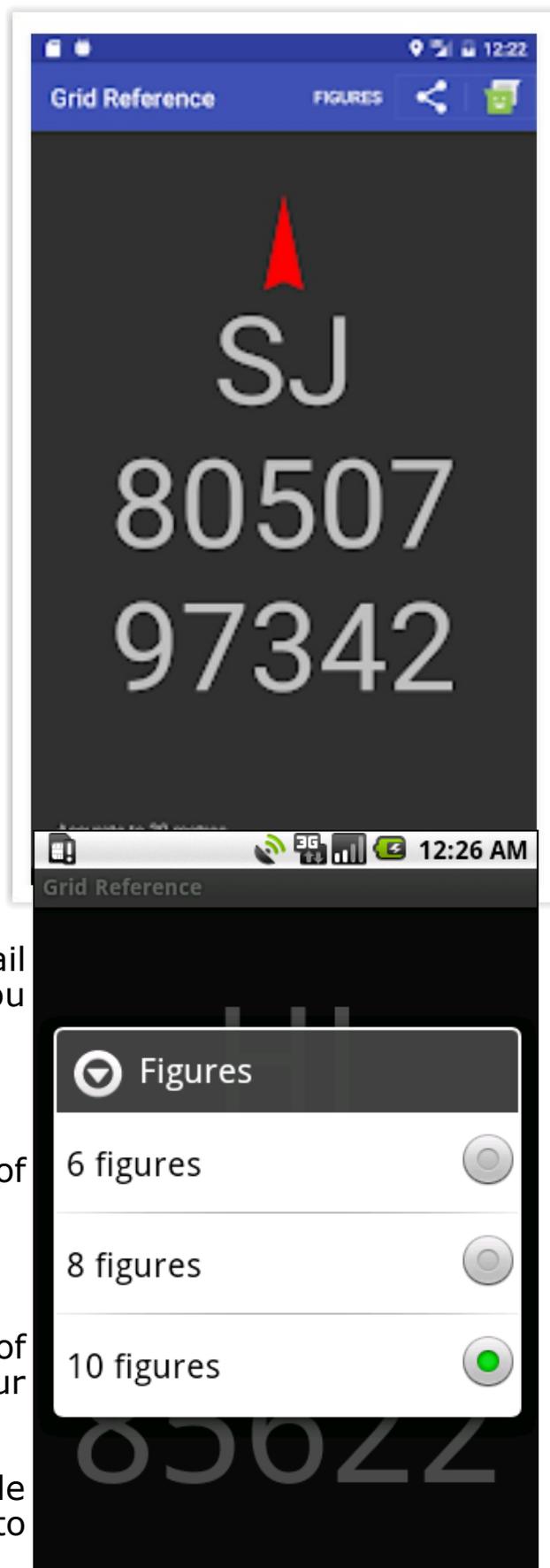
Select your email address

Click on the paperclip at the top of the screen

Attach the photo of the find

Click on the red arrow at top of the screen to send the email to your PC at home or mobile phone

The email will automatically include the 10 figure NGR of your find to show to the FLO to save time



# Finds Recording Sheets

Find Summary ID			
Find Site			
Date Found			
Terrain			
Grid Reference			
Material	Known	Estimated	
Find Identity	Known	Estimated	
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Reference Source			
Artifact date	Known	Estimated	
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# About us

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.

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## UKDN aims

UKDN is a forum for people who are interested in the hobby of metal detecting. UKDN is an online community where members can exchange and share knowledge, their views, discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects. UKDN actively works towards the following aims:

1. 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, which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. The magazine includes UKDN based news and articles, as well as wider news, debate, and issues of heritage interest.
2. 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 the 'best practice' for conservation, recording and co-operation.
3. Actively promotes the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting' to all members of the UKDN online forum and beyond.
4. 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 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 online community or through our on-line magazine.