

# 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 and details of all finds recorded by the PAS.

Agreed by the Landowner .....

Address .....

Agreed by the Detectorist .....

Address .....

Date.....