



FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL METAL DETECTION POLICY

Adopted on 16 March 2021

Signed *Geoff Hand* Chairman

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This Policy is effective from the date it is adopted by Fishbourne Parish Council and supersedes any previous permissions or agreements concerning metal detecting that may have been made between the Council and members of the public.

The map below shows the areas in Fishbourne owned by Fishbourne Parish Council.



1. In general, metal detecting is not permitted on any land owned by

Fishbourne Parish Council.

2. Any proposal to carry out metal detecting on Fishbourne Parish Council land will only be considered as part of a programme of historical or archaeological research.
3. Persons or organisations wishing to carry out such research will need to apply in writing to Fishbourne Parish Council.
4. 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.
5. Any organisation carrying out metal detecting shall hold Public Liability Insurance to the same level.
6. Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD.
7. Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall strictly observe and adhere to any special conditions set out by Fishbourne Parish Council.
8. Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall record finds with third parties including but not limited to:
 - the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)
 - Historic Environment Records (HER)
 - Any museum service after gaining permission from Fishbourne Parish Council.
9. 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 Fishbourne Parish Council. The rules and procedures as set out in the Treasure Act 1996 will need to be followed and complied with.
10. The decision of the Council on whether or not to grant a permit is final.