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Magazines

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Joining a Club

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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 Estates (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 which is best obtained in writing in case of any dispute later should something of high value be found. Farmers on ELS land who have signed onto the October 2008 agreement might insist you strictly follow the Responsible Detecting Code of Practice (see below) so they 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 Estates](#)
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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](#)
- [Purchase a cheap basic GPS](#)
- [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](#)

[UKDN Beginners Guide](#)

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](#)

[General](#)

[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 Version 5.0](#)

[Google Earth V 5.0 OS Overlay](#)

[Google Earth Fly To](#)

[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](#)

[Understandable definition](#)

Treasure Reports

[2000/1](#) [2001/3](#) [2003/4](#)

[2004/5](#) [2005/6](#) [2006/7](#)

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.

[TVC Questions & Answers](#)

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[Valuation Info see page 36](#)

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