

PERMISSION PACK · FREE RESOURCE

Finds Split Agreement

Record how ordinary finds, valuable discoveries and any future reward will be shared, before you begin detecting.

What's inside

- ✓ Clear, practical steps you can use straight away
- 📄 Written for real UK detecting, not theory
- 📄 Plain-English guidance, checked against official sources
- ★ Free to print, keep and share



**Written by
detectorists**



**Checked against
UK guidance**



**Free to print and
keep**

Why a written agreement helps. Agreeing how finds will be shared *before* you start detecting prevents misunderstandings later, protects your relationship with the landowner, and gives you both a clear, signed record. Ownership of finds can depend on the facts, on prior rights over the land, and on the law: this agreement records what you have agreed between yourselves and does not override the law. Both parties should keep a signed copy.

1. Parties

Landowner / authorised occupier	
Detectorist	
Addresses & contact details	

2. Land covered

Farm / property name	
Field names / map reference	
Plan attached?	Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Permission period

Start date	
End date	_____ or ☐ until withdrawn

4. Ordinary finds

- ☐ Detectorist may keep ordinary low-value finds after showing them to the landowner
- ☐ Landowner retains all finds
- ☐ Finds will be divided by separate agreement
- ☐ Other arrangement: _____

5. Valuable non-Treasure finds

- ☐ 50 / 50 of net sale proceeds
- ☐ Percentage to landowner: _____ %
- ☐ Percentage to finder: _____ %
- ☐ Landowner has first option to retain the object at an agreed valuation
- ☐ Other arrangement: _____

6. Potential Treasure or legally reportable finds

Any object that may be Treasure or otherwise legally reportable will be left uncleaned, protected from further damage and reported through the appropriate official process. Any reward will be dealt with according to the applicable law and the written arrangement selected below.

7. Reward split

Agreed division of any reward

Note: the relevant authority may consider the parties' conduct when determining a reward.

8. Costs

State whether valuation, conservation, secure storage, transport, auction and sale costs are deducted before any split is calculated:

9. Publicity & confidentiality

May the finder share images?	Yes ☐ No ☐
May the precise location be disclosed?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Landowner approval before any media contact?	Yes ☐ No ☐

✓ 10. Signatures

Landowner / occupier

Signed

Name

Date

Witness (optional)

Signed

Name

Detectorist

Signed

Name

Date

Witness (optional)

Signed

Name

Each party should keep a copy. Attach a map if it helps identify the land. For high-value or complex arrangements, consider taking independent legal advice.

This template is provided for general information and record-keeping only. It is not legal advice and has not been prepared for your individual circumstances. Laws and official guidance can change, and different rules apply across the UK. Consider taking independent legal advice before relying on an agreement involving valuable finds, ownership, payment or liability.

Get more free metal detecting guides, templates and practical advice at DetectoristWorld.com.