

First Club Visit Checklist

Know what to ask, what to take and how to prepare for your first metal detecting club meeting or dig.

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



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Before you go

- ☐ Contact the organiser first
- ☐ Ask about membership and guest fees
- ☐ Check insurance and code-of-conduct requirements
- ☐ Confirm the meeting or dig location
- ☐ Note the arrival and briefing time

✓ Ask about

- ☐ Guest rules and age limits
- ☐ Find ownership and sharing
- ☐ How finds are recorded and reported
- ☐ Accessibility, toilets and parking
- ☐ Loan equipment, if any

📅 On the day

- ☐ Arrive early for the briefing
- ☐ Follow the finds and Treasure procedure
- ☐ Fill holes as the club expects
- ☐ Respect parking and landowner rules
- ☐ Follow all event rules

☆ Getting the most from it

- ☐ Listen respectfully and cross-check identifications with reliable sources
- ☐ Offer to help set up or pack away
- ☐ Say thank you to the organisers

Words explained

Rally a large organised detecting event, often over one or more days, on agreed land.

Dig a smaller organised club outing on a permission.

FLO Finds Liaison Officer, who records finds; an FLO may or may not attend a given event.

☆ Clubs can help you get started

A relaxed, prepared and helpful first visit is the best way to be welcomed back and to learn from experienced members.

This resource is provided for general information and personal record-keeping. Rules, official guidance and access arrangements can change. Check the current requirements for the place where you intend to detect.

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