

LAW & RESPONSIBLE DETECTING · FREE RESOURCE

Responsible Detecting Code

A printable personal commitment covering permission, land care, find recording, reporting and responsible behaviour.

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**

A personal code you can print, sign and share with a landowner. Tick each commitment you make.

- ☐ I will get permission from someone authorised to give it before detecting.
- ☐ I will check site-specific rules and protected-area designations.
- ☐ I will follow the landowner, occupier or manager's instructions.
- ☐ I will follow the agreed finds-sharing and reporting arrangement.
- ☐ I will not transfer my permission to guests.
- ☐ I will fill holes and replace turf carefully.
- ☐ I will protect crops, livestock, gates and boundaries, and follow biosecurity requests.
- ☐ I will only remove litter that is safe to handle.
- ☐ I will record significant finds responsibly and keep exact findspots private.
- ☐ I will report potential Treasure through the correct process for my nation.
- ☐ I will not clean a potentially important, fragile or unidentified find before seeking appropriate advice.
- ☐ I will stop and seek help for human remains, ordnance or an undisturbed group of objects.
- ☐ I will leave the land as I found it, or better.

 **DETECTORIST NAME**

 **PERMISSION / SITE REFERENCE**

 **SIGNED**

 **DATE**

 **LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (OPTIONAL, NOT A LEGAL AGREEMENT)**

☆ Show it to your landowner

Handing a landowner a signed code of conduct is a simple way to show you take responsible detecting seriously, and it can help keep a permission over time.

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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