



WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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METAL DETECTING POLICY

- In general, metal detecting is not permitted on any land owned by West Malling Parish Council.
- Any proposal to carry out metal detecting on West Malling Parish Council land will only be considered as part of a programme of historical or archaeological research.
- Persons or organisations wishing to carry out such research will need to apply in writing to West Malling Parish Council and detail:
 - The scope and purpose of the proposed metal detecting activity
 - The exact location of the proposed activity – under no circumstances will access to the wildflower area in Macey's Meadow be permitted.
 - The date and duration of the activity.
 - A guarantee of full re-instatement to the satisfaction of the Parish Council of any area that has been subjected to any form of excavation by the activity, along with a guarantee to cover any expenses incurred by the Council if the re-instatement fails to meet the standards required.
- 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.
- Any organisation carrying out metal detecting shall hold Public Liability Insurance to the same level.
- Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD.
- Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall strictly observe and adhere to any special conditions set out by West Malling Parish Council.
- Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting shall record finds with third parties including:
 - the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)
 - Historic Environment Records (HER)

- Any museum service (including The Twitch Inn (Douces Manor) after gaining permission from West Malling Parish Council.
- 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 West Malling Parish Council. The rules and procedures as set out in the Treasure Act 1996 will need to be followed and complied with.

All enquiries and requests should be made to the Parish Clerk – clerk@westmallingspc.org, 01732 870872, 9 High Street, West Malling, Kent ME19 6QH

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