

HOO ST WERBURGH AND CHATTENDEN PARISH COUNCIL METAL DETECTING POLICY



Metal detecting on land owned or tenanted by Hoo St Werburgh and Chattenden Parish Council is not permitted apart from where a metal detecting survey is part of an approved archaeological investigation.

This protocol is effective from 1 April 2022 and supersedes any previous arrangements.

It has been adopted to provide a consistent approach to the management of the Council's assets.

Why it can be a problem

A number of problems can result from metal detecting, including the following:

- Damage to tree roots, plants and wildlife
- Creating trip hazards where land is disturbed and not correctly reinstated
- Removal of artefacts from their original location resulting in loss of information
- Damage to related archaeological deposits
- Partial recovery of assemblages which often neglects non-metal finds
- Unreported discoveries