

## Metal Detecting Permit

For the use of a metal detector on land owned by Kettering Borough Council

1. Kettering Borough Council have given permission to (name here)  
..... (the permit holder) of (address here)  
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for the use of metal detecting on a defined area of Borough owned land edged  
in red on the attached plan.
2. The permit is for three calendar months from the 1<sup>st</sup> dd/mm/yr.....
3. All Bye-Laws applicable to the specified area must be observed.
4. The permit holder will ensure that no nuisance is caused to other users and  
local residents.
5. As general information, the permit holder needs to note that any protected  
land under this scheme cannot be detected on. Kettering Borough Council  
have identified that these defined areas are not protected under the  
Environmental Stewardship Scheme or Scheduled Ancient Monuments.
6. The permit holder is required to immediately report any finds of archaeological  
interest to the Cultural and Heritage Services Manager telephone on number  
01536 534219 or email [museumandgallery@kettering.gov.uk](mailto:museumandgallery@kettering.gov.uk)
7. The Collections Development Policy for Kettering Museum & Art Gallery,  
Section 1.5 Limitations on Collecting states:  
  
*The museum recognises its responsibility, when acquiring additions to its  
collections, to ensure that care of collections, documentation arrangements  
and use of collections will meet the requirements of the Museum Accreditation  
Standard. This includes using SPECTRUM primary procedures for collections  
management. It will take into account limitations on collecting imposed by  
such factors as staffing, storage and care of collection arrangements.*
8. The permit holder enters onto the land entirely at his/her own risk and shall  
not hold the Borough Council liable for any loss or injury sustained as a result  
of entering onto the land.
9. The permit holder will take care to minimise damage to plants and other  
wildlife and must adhere to any restrictions, temporary or otherwise, notified to  
him/her by the Borough Council.

10. The permit holder is not allowed to disturb any land within a 3 metre circumference of any trees or shrubs.
11. All holes made as a result of investigating actual or potential finds must be backfilled immediately, carefully and safely and any turf disturbed must be replaced to the satisfaction of the Borough Council.
12. The permit holder is not allowed to metal detect within 3 metres of the children's play area that is located within the defined area. Care must be taken at all times to avoid the paths of children and young people.
13. In the event of the permit holder believing he/she has discovered a hoard, whether scattered or undisturbed, or other deposit of archaeological interest, work must cease immediately and the find(s) reported immediately to the Cultural & Heritage Services Manager on telephone number 01536 534219.
14. If live ammunition or other hazardous objects are found the permit holder must mark the spot clearly and report to the Police immediately.
15. The Permit Holder will abide at all times by the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales' and 'The Portable Antiquities Scheme – Advice for Finders of Archaeological Objects and Treasure'
16. Any breach of these terms and conditions is liable to lead to the immediate revocation of the permit.

Signed (Permit Holder) \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Kettering Borough Council) \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Number 0003

Key Documents:

1. Approved Metal Detecting Permit
2. Plan of Defined Area
3. Kettering Borough Council Byelaws
4. Kettering Museum and Art Gallery Collections Development Policy
5. Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales
6. Portable Antiquities Scheme – Advice for Finders of Archaeological Objects and Treasure