

Further information...

Please note that the information in this leaflet does not constitute any form of permission to detect. For further information and to obtain a permit to metal detect on Guernsey beaches, please contact States of Guernsey Agriculture, Countryside and Land Management Services (ACLMS), by telephone (01481 224567).

The Guernsey Heritage Keepers can be contacted by emailing Shane Le Page:
shane@guernseyheritagekeepers.org.gg
or telephoning 07781 116976.



Lost objects

The Guernsey heritage keepers may be able to help search for lost items, such as jewellery (or any other metal object) Any Donations to the Guernsey heritage keepers would be most gratefully received to help with their work to maintain Guernsey's history of artefacts as a non-profit organisation. Contact details for the Guernsey heritage keepers are listed under 'further information'.

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A Guide to Metal Detecting in Guernsey



Preserving our history for future generations.



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Metal Detecting on States' owned/managed land

Agriculture, Countryside and Land Management Services operate a management policy whereby a permit is required to metal detect on Guernsey beaches. Metal detecting is not permitted on any land owned or managed by the States of Guernsey; using a metal detector on States land could result in prosecution.

Metal Detecting on private land

Permission must be sought from the land owner before detecting on any land, including that of private individuals. Not doing so could result in charges of trespassing, theft or criminal damage.

A guide to metal detecting:

- ◆ Detecting on beaches is allowed with a permit. Permits may be obtained on application to Agriculture, Countryside and Land Management Services (tel. 01481 224567). Visitors to the island may apply for a metal detecting permit for the duration of their holiday.
- ◆ Metal detecting is not permitted on any land owned or administered by the States of Guernsey, including the coastal grassland and headlands and any small islands or islets (including Lihou, Herm and Jethou).
- ◆ Metal detecting is not permitted on L'Ancrese Common.
- ◆ Metal detecting is not permitted on or around any protected monuments; these being castles, forts, fortifications, WW2 German bunkers, or any other structure that has significant importance to the islands' history.
- ◆ Metal detecting is not permitted in any Parks, property owned by the National Trust or La Société Guernesiaise, or land protected as nature or wildlife sanctuaries.

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- ◆ Any finds should be recorded with the States Archaeologist, Dr Phil De Jersey (tel. 01481 220729, email philip.dejersey@gov.gg).
- ◆ It is possible that you may discover live ordnance. If you find any ammunition or other ordnance that you are unsure about, do not touch it but report it immediately to the Guernsey Police (01481 222222).
- ◆ Always fill in any holes which have been dug and ensure that the ground is left in the same state as before you commenced digging, whether on the beach or dry land.
- ◆ Always take any rubbish away with you.
- ◆ Even if you do have permission from the land owner, do not detect on the property if crops are growing or if livestock are present in a field. Always close gates behind you.