

Metal Detecting on Weymouth Beach



On fine days when the beach is well populated detecting **should not** continue beyond 10am or start before 6pm.

At present there is no licence system in place for metal detecting on the beach above the foreshore (on the dry sand).

Some finds may be classified as Treasure and finds on the seabed may legally belong to a third party. It is recommended that any finds, particularly when wading are not removed but instead are reported to English Heritage and the Receiver of Wreck.

Following work with local and national metal detecting bodies, we have adopted a protocol which avoids unnecessary obstruction and interference, whilst allowing detectors to undertake their pastime with limited hindrance. This has proved a happy compromise with beach users and detectors alike which has negated the need to introduce a licensing system, thanks to the co-operation of responsible detectors.

For Chesil Beach please contact the Fleet Nature Reserve - 01305 760579

Beach Etiquette for Metal Detecting

- Always consider other beach users
- At no time should beach users be obstructed or harassed by detecting activities

For more information, please refer to our Weymouth Town Council website:

www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/services/the-beach/

or

For further advice call the Beach Control Office (01305) 239832