



**Walsall
Council**

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE A METAL DETECTOR

*Name	
*Address	
*Postcode	
Email	
*Telephone number	

*Mandatory fields

The permit authorises the holder to go into specified public parks and open spaces under the control of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Council") during the hours of **10.00am and 3.00pm** at dates and venues as per attached sheet for the purpose of searching with the aid of a metal detector for relics, coins, medals and other artefacts (herein after called "artefacts") resting on or immediately below the surface of the ground, subject to the conditions thereof.

The permit shall expire **12 months** after the date the application is approved by the Council. The fee payable was set on 1st April 2022 and shall be **£130** per annum for residents of Walsall & **£206** per annum for non-residents of Walsall for the period of the permit.

The following conditions apply:-

- 1) No searching shall take place at any time when there is a specifically organised activity or function in progress.
- 2) No flowerbeds, herbaceous borders, shrubs, bulbs, bushes, paths, car parks or roads shall be dug up, disturbed or damaged, neither shall any searching be conducted in any place or area where grass has been sown or turf re-laid, or which is roped off, nor shall any searching be conducted on any games pitch square, green or track, nor shall any of these be dug.
- 3) At no time shall searching be conducted to the nuisance of other members of the public.
- 4) The holder shall not dig more than 18 cm (7") approximately below the surface of the ground and any holes shall be filled and the turf replaced.
- 5) All finds shall be reported to the Authorised Officer (Alan Bowley, Head of Environment, Leisure, and Cultural, Walsall Council) in writing and the Council shall have the opportunity of inspecting and considering such finds and details of the place where found, and the law of Treasure Trove to apply to any find of value as defined under the said law.

- 6) Any artefacts not retained by the Council shall be released to the holder who may dispose of them as he/she so wishes.
- 7) The permit may be revoked at any time on written notice to the holder.
- 8) The holder shall obtain any Home Office or other requisite licence or permit to operate a metal detector a copy of which must be attached to this Application.
- 9) At all times the holder shall protect wildlife or plants and shall not do anything that may harm or damage any nest or natural habitat.
- 10) All items containing silver or gold shall be reported to the Police and the Coroner (Treasure Trove Laws).
- 11) The holder must immediately produce the Metal Detector Permit if so requested to any authorised steward, patrol officer or officer of the Council and is required to carry the permit when involved in any metal detecting in the permitted areas.
- 12) Except in the case of death or personal injury shown to be caused by the Council, or in other circumstances where liability may not be limited under applicable law, the Council shall not be liable to any permit holder or third party whether in contract, tort, negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise for any loss, damage, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever incurred or suffered by a permit holder in the exercise of any permitted metal detecting activities and all direct, indirect and consequential loss is hereby expressly excluded. The permit holder is deemed to have taken all necessary precautions to prevent harm to himself / herself or others.
- 13) The permit holder shall provide insurance cover under a public liability policy providing indemnity of a minimum of £10 million which covers their activities in case the activities cause death, damage or injury to a 3rd party or 3rd party property.

I have read the above terms and conditions subject to which a permit will be issued and agree to abide by, observe and be bound by them.

Copy of valid liability insurance enclosed with this application (tick)

Signature Date

Payment can be made via card payment by ringing 01922 653344 during working hours of 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Friday

For further details please contact the Healthy Spaces Team on 01922 650465

Permits will be issued upon the receipt of cleared payment

Office Use

Certified by

Received

- Two passport photographs
- Completed application form
- Copy of valid insurance
- Payment in full



VENUES FOR METAL DETECTING

The following public parks and open spaces may be used for the purpose of searching with the aid of a metal detector for relics, coins, medals, and other artefacts. This is subject to the conditions set out in the attached Application for Permit to use a Metal Detector.

- Station Road
- The Parkway (Shelfield)
- Delves Common
- Cavendish Road Open Space
- Pleck Park, Walsall – permitted zone area only
- Leamore Park, Bloxwich – permitted zone area only
- Berryfields, Aldridge – permitted zone area only
- Bloxwich Park, Bloxwich – permitted zone area only