



# Pershire Town Council

## METAL DETECTING AND MAGNET FISHING POLICY

Pershire Town Council owns or manages various areas of open space within the town, including areas along the banks of the River Avon.

The Town Council does not permit either metal detecting or magnet fishing on or off the banks of any of its land. This includes: -

Avon Meadows (metal detecting and magnet fishing)

King George's Field (metal detecting and magnet fishing)

White Railings (metal detecting and magnet fishing)

Pershire Cemetery, the neighbouring car park and field

Land owned at and off Holloway

The main concerns are

- 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
- Risk of discovering ordnance

Pershire Town Council would only permit metal detecting where such a survey is part of an approved archaeological investigation.