



Newton Abbot District Metal Detecting Club

CONSTITUTION

Amended 12th March 2019

1. TITLE

- a. The Club shall be named “**Newton Abbot District Metal Detecting Club**”, hereinafter referred to as “The Club”. All metal detecting members shall be affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting, with the Insurance Policies this affiliation provides.
- b. The Club’s Financial Year shall begin on April 1st and shall end on the last day of March.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a. To foster friendships and cooperation between individual detectorists and with other Clubs.
- b. To assist with identification and reporting of finds to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and other bodies where applicable.
- c. To seek good working relations with other Clubs, local History Groups and Archaeological Societies.
- d. To encourage and promote the activity of metal detecting in a responsible and lawful manner.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership shall be open to responsible persons who have an interest in the searching for and recording of historical artefacts.
- b. Membership is dependant on a yearly subscription of £6.00, due from April 1st. Newly joined members are charged on a monthly pro-rata basis. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid 3 months after it is due.
- c. Members must attend at least 3 general meeting per year in order to remain a member, enforceable at the Committee's discretion.
- d. A fee of £3.00 per member shall be payable by members wishing to attend Club Digging days. These funds will go either to the landowner if appropriate, or into the Club bank account.
- e. Members may also belong to other Clubs and Societies at the Chairperson's discretion.

4. OFFICERS

- a. The Officers for the financial year 2018/2019 are as follows;

Chairperson	}	Richard Holladay
Vice Chairperson	}	Rev. Nicholas Pearkes
Secretary	}	Kimberley Dickinson
Master of Ceremonies	}	Tony Bradbury
Treasurer	}	Phil Curtis
Memberships Sec / PAS	}	Andy Robinson
Webmaster	}	Andy Barnett
Publicity Officer	}	-
Dig Organiser	}	Brian Simpson, AR, PC
Co-opt	}	Andy Roberts
Co-opt	}	Don Thompson
Co-opt	}	Dave Berryman

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. All Officers shall be elected by the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- b. All Officers are elected for a period of one year, after which they may be elected to the same, or another Office for the following year.
- c. Other Offices may be created by the General Committee as necessary for the smooth running of the Club, or for the organising of specific events, etc.

6. GENERAL COMMITTEE

- a. The General Committee shall comprise of all elected Officers of the Club and at least two members, elected by Club members. The General Committee shall meet at least once per year or at agreed intervals.
- b. The duties of the General Committee are;
 - i. To arrange the affairs of the Club on behalf of and to the benefit of its members.
 - ii. To co-opt a minimum of 2 members to the General Committee, or more, as it feels is necessary. Co-opted members may be re-elected to the same or any other office the following year.
 - iii. To make decisions based according to the majority vote. In case of an equal vote, the Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote.
 - iv. The Club shall run a current bank account and either of the following officers shall be authorised to sign cheques: MC, or Treasurer.
 - v. To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club, through the Treasurer. The accounts should be available for inspection by Members, and should be audited before every Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the end of March each financial year. A minimum of 1 month's notice of the AGM agenda shall be sent to every member by the Secretary. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any additional matters to be raised at the AGM at least 14 days before the meeting. The Secretary shall give notice of any updated agenda not less than 7 days before the meeting.
- b. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be;
 - i. To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any other General Meetings.
 - ii. To receive the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.
 - iii. To fix Subscription rates for the following year.
 - iv. To elect Officers of the Club for the next financial year.
 - v. Address any business previously proposed by Members at least 14 days before the meeting, and included on the agenda.
 - vi. Address any other business except those for which a Special General Meeting is required (e.g. expulsion, changes to the Constitution, or dissolution) at the Chairperson's discretion.
 - vii. General Meetings shall be chaired by the Chairperson, or in their absence by the Vice-Chairperson, or by a Committee Member.
 - viii. Decisions made at General Meetings shall take place by simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote, or the option of directing a written poll.
 - ix. A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 2 members and 3 Elected Officers of the Club.
- c. All members are entitled to 1 vote per issue at a General Meeting. Members' votes may not be brought to the meeting by proxy. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be entitled to vote.

8. DISCIPLINE

Any member found by a Special General Meeting to have brought the Club or the activity of metal detecting into disrepute or to have deliberately broken Club Rules may be expelled from the Club, provided that:

- i. The member shall have full opportunity to address the meeting before the motion is put to the vote.
- ii. The motion must be carried by a minimum of 75% of the number of votes.

9. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any proposal to alter the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a member of the Club and seconded by another member. Such proposals shall be passed if supported by no less than two thirds of the members present and voting.

10. DISSOLUTION

If at any time the dissolution of the Club should be called for, the resolution shall be carried only if supported by more than two thirds of members present and voting at a Special General Meeting. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets of the Club shall be donated to a nominated charity.
