

APPENDIX D

Dear Oakham Town Council

I would like to ask permission from Oakham Town Council to use my metal detector on Royce's Recreation and/or Centenary Field in Oakham. I have been using a metal detector since I was 16 and I am now 60. I will now tell you the routine that is used when metal detecting. Upon finding something on the ground you are checking the detector will show what is there and the depth it is likely to be. The detector then pinpoints the exact position of the target You cut with a trowel 3 to 4 inches from the centre but not a complete circle more like a horseshoe shape so this leaves like a hinge to fold back the earth this prevents it from having no growth disturbance afterward. Now the soil patch is flipped back you use what is called a pinpointer shaped like a rather thick pen, this acts as a mini detector and locates the find. Any soil that is removed from the hole is placed on a towel. When the item is found the soil is poured back into the hole and the grass patch is returned to the hole and gently firmed down with the foot. If this is all done correctly it will be as before it was touched. The depth of the holes varies but not greater than 6 inches with the machine I will be using. Any rubbish items that are found like bottle tops etc will be collected and disposed of. I hope this gives a clearer view of how metal detecting is performed and helps dismiss some of the bad things that are generally thought of in this hobby. Thank you.