

Cotswold Heritage and Detecting Society

<https://chadsdetecting.org.uk>

CHADS metal detecting club of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire was formed in 1985. As an affiliated member of National Council for Metal detecting (NCMD) the Club is dedicated to promoting the sensible and conscientious use of metal detectors for both personal enjoyment and historical research.

As a club we meet monthly for club nights and have club digs whenever possible. The club has close ties with local archaeologists including the finds liaison officer (FLO) for Gloucestershire and Avon.

Monthly Meeting: The Club meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of each month at The Exmouth Arms public house. We gather from about 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. There is a free car park in Bath Terrace, approx. 100 yards from the Exmouth, and there is also limited roadside parking.

Due to the current Corvo19 situation we are holding our monthly meeting via Zoom.



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The monthly meetings are an excellent way to meet other like-minded people, learn about their experiences, get coins and artifacts identified, the different detectors used and other equipment that is found useful.

The meetings are also a great way to make new friends. Our meetings are very family friendly, and we welcome all genders and age groups. We have a small but successful ladies section who are very knowledgeable and skilled, often beating the men to finding coins and artifacts of real interest.

Finds Table:

We always have a finds table where club members can show any finds they have found.

Some examples are here:

Uninscribed State

2ndC Trumpet Brooch (cut quarter)

Jan Brabant Sterling (cut quarter)



Identifying Finds: Collectively there is a vast wealth of knowledge within the club covering Celtic, Roman, Saxon and Medieval coins and artefacts. We also have a heraldry specialist and members who are able to research more obscure items. A range of reference books is usually available to help members and guests identify and date their finds and we have many useful research links on our website.

Speakers: Most months there is an invited speaker covering many interesting local, national and international topics from recovering shipwrecked porcelain in the South China Seas to life as a Norman Soldier.

Club Digs: Club digs take place whenever possible.

Meeting time is normally 9.00am for a 9.15 start. Sites range from arable land to pasture throughout the Cotswolds. There is normally a dig fee which depends on how much the landowner will charge and a small charge towards running the Club.

The Dig details are emailed out to our paid members first so they have priority on the digs.

Members requiring further information can email

<mailto:membership@chadsdetecting.org.uk>

Club Membership: Our membership year runs from March to the following April. To join the club complete the application form available on the membership page at our website.

Membership forms are also available at Club meetings.

Where the money goes: Most administrative expenses such as ad hoc postage, petrol and telephone calls are met from the pockets of the individuals performing the

tasks. However speakers expect to receive a fee of up to £100 plus expenses per talk, and the Club also buys landowners gifts of spirits at Christmas to ensure continued access to their land. Some landowners charge per head for digs.

Contact Details: If you have any questions or require any further information please use the email feedback@chadsdetecting.org.uk