

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR METAL DETECTORS **ON THE SEFTON COAST**

INTRODUCTION

Sefton Council's Green Sefton manage all of Sefton Council's beaches. Our main aim as beach managers is to make Sefton's beaches a safer place for everyone.

Although the beaches look safe, there are many hidden natural hazards as well as other beach and coastal activities taking place by other users. The Sefton Coast has a wealth of habitats, which are protected and species of such rarity, that they have been afforded their own protection.

The Sefton Coast is recognised as an important area for recreation and conservation. With this in mind Sefton has implemented a Beach Management Plan. Some of this plan is visible on the beach, such as vehicle free zones, dog and horse free zones, a bathing area for the public, flagpoles and warning signs.

These guidelines, with your help, should make the beach a safer place for everyone.

Please be aware that beach car parks are **closed** during the winter.



For further information or advice, please contact
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BEWARE OF MUNITIONS – ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT YOU COULD ENCOUNTER BURIED OR SEMI-BURIED AMMUNITION.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER MUNITIONS OR SUSPECTED MUNITIONS OF ANY KIND, DIAL 999 AND ASK FOR THE POLICE, AND CONTACT THE COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE TEAM ON 0151 934 2967

- Do not use metal detecting equipment in the beach parking zones at Ainsdale and Southport
Seashore Byelaw 9b says:
“No person shall participate in any game sport or pastime in a manner likely to interfere with or cause annoyance to any other users of the seashore”
This Byelaw is particularly important if you are using sensitive equipment, which requires the use of headphones (you may not be able to hear traffic which could be heading in your direction).
- Do not use metal detecting equipment in any part of the dunes or sandhills
Sandhill Byelaw 11 says:
“No person shall on any part of the sandhills remove any material from any dune or interfere with any works for the protection of the sandhills or stabilisation of sand”
- Ainsdale/Birkdale Local Nature Reserve Byelaws prohibit the following:
“Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature”
“Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or any place used for shelter or protection of any living creature”
“Intentionally removing any material from any dune or any other area of the reserve”
“Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral being including water”
“Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing any notice board, notice, fence, barrier, post, boardwalk or any building including any sand dune”

Finds of interest must be reported to:

Green Sefton, Coast and Countryside Team and;

Portable Antiquities Officer – Liverpool Museum on 0151 478 4259