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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF A
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY**

Company Number **11260644**

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that:

THE ASSOCIATION OF DETECTORISTS CIC

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a Community Interest Company; is a private company, that the company is limited by shares; and the situation of the registered office is in England and Wales



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Given at Companies House on **16th March 2018**.



Companies House



**THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES**

The Companies Act 2006

Community Interest Company Limited by Shares

Articles of Association
of
The Association of Detectorists C.I.C.

(CIC Limited by Shares, Schedule 2, Small Membership)

Charity Registration Number (if applicable): []

Company Registration Number (if applicable): []

Registered Office: []³

4. Not for profit

The Company is not established or conducted for private gain: any surplus or assets are used principally for the benefit of the community. ✓

OBJECTS, POWERS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

5. Objects⁴

The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to an educational and research association, will provide benefit to the general public, who collectively will gain from a greater understanding of local and national archaeological and historical sites including new discoveries, access to previously unseen and yet to be discovered artefacts through a national collaboration with museums. Confidence that the objective through education, will result in the conservation and preservation of our Nation Heritage, along with targeted research for example; to help prevent illegal theft of portable antiquities. Portable antiquities are a finite resource, that without a recorded context become items of face value, denigrating the community knowledge of cultural relevance. ✓

To the ultimate benefit of all communities, we look to provide education and partner with Universities and archaeological bodies to educate those utilising electronic instruments as an archaeological tool. Metal 'detectorists' find 90% of all historical artefacts, yet unlike many other countries, it is practically unregulated. The interest is without a national educational program to ensure that the instrument is used to archaeological principles for the benefit of the community. As the number of users grows in the tens of thousands, due partly to media reports of 'treasure hunters', many detectorists do not record their finds which can end up on auction sites and in private collections not to be seen by the public.

Conversely, there are many 'responsible detectorists' who voluntarily declare finds through the Portable Antiquities Scheme to be supported by the CIC, and who would as ambassadors, look to help change the 'mind-set' of others through the Association.

It is the intention to become an Institute.

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Please ensure this form is placed at the top of your application when posted to Companies House and the company name is consistent throughout all documents.

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Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company¹

Please complete in typescript, or in bold black capitals.

Company Name in full

The Association of Detectorists

Community Interest Company

SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries

1. We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community

The company's objectives as an educational and research association, will provide benefit to the general public, who collectively will gain from a greater understanding of local and national archaeological and historical sites including new discoveries, access to previously unseen and yet to be discovered artefacts through a national collaboration with museums. Confidence that the objective through education, will result in the conservation and preservation of our Nation Heritage, along with targeted research for example; to help prevent illegal theft of portable antiquities. Portable antiquities are a finite resource, that without a recorded context become items of face value, denigrating the community knowledge of cultural relevance.

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COMPANY NAME

The Association of Detectorists CIC

SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	How will the activity benefit the community? <i>(The community will benefit by...)</i>
To promote the responsible and ethical use of metal Detectors to archaeological principles To develop a series of catergorised, aspirational membership levels based on completed educational modules devised by the Education Committee Chaired by Prof. Godsen	<i>A local and national collaboration between amateur and professional archaeologists, universities, history groups, museums, government schemes and metal 'detectorists' to record, conserve and preserve our national heritage.</i> <i>It is well documented that many archaeologists view metal detecting as destructive, and that a proportion of detectorists are motivated by financial gain. However, there has not been a concerted effort to provide archaeologically based education and to acknowledge the benefits that responsible detectorists bring to the greater community. The association will devise and help fund a UK wide educational program.</i>
Encourage archaeologists to utilise detectorists who have completed specific archaeological training Research projects such as devising equipment to help prevent illegal use of metal detectors and software to assist recording artefacts	<i>Most archaeological sites do not utilise metal detectors mostly due to the lack of experienced archaeologists in using the instrument, or the unavailability of relevantly educated users. The result is that many artefacts lay undiscovered and later destroyed by construction equipment.</i> <i>Although a very small percentage of users detect illegally, historic sites can be targeted and looted artefacts sold. We will look to find pioneering ways such as electronic devises to help prevent this criminal activity.</i> <i>Develop software to assist detectorists in photographic recording, description and GPS position of artefacts</i>
If the company makes any surplus it will be used for...funding educational initiatives with universities and stakeholders. Supporting the Portable Antiquities Scheme and funding local community projects for investigation and designations of archaeological sites. Continued...	

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)

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Surplus Funds – The Association of Detectorists

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As an example, we have asked the University of Oxford to form a collaboration with the Association. This has resulted in the first UK university to commit to a joint Day School course in November 2018. We will Chair the educational day and fund 50% of its costs. This will result in the Association subsidising the 40 student places by reducing the fee for the course by 50%.

Supporting the Portable Antiques Scheme (PAS)

The PAS looks to promote the maximum public interest and benefit from the recovery, recording and research of portable antiquities. PAS welcomes donations to help the scheme 'continue to re-write archaeology and history'.

The Association of Detectorists will require members to pledge their support of the PAS, to work to their general guidelines and abide by the Code of Practice.

As the principles of the Association are aligned with the PAS, we would look to support the scheme which is an important allied resource.

Part funding local community projects to enable surveys and exploratory research of archaeological sites which have not previously been investigated

Many archaeological sites have been discovered through field-walking, metal detecting or from aerial photographs. In regard to the latter, even landowners can be unaware of the features located by pilots in the general landscape.

To aid the conservation and preservation of the sites, the association would look to fund initial surveys such as utilising geophysics, to enable the landowner and local community to become aware of the historical nature of the sites.