

LEGISE NEWS BULLETIN No:3

LEGISE OGM report and update



LEGISE IS INDEPENDENT!

After many years of providing insurance for members, LEGISE has decided not to continue obtaining MD

insurance and be independent from having to represent the insurance provider whether it be a Rally, NCMD, FID or AMDS.

Hobby insurance can now be obtained easily through any of the above by individuals or clubs.

In consequence, LEGISE has decided that by being independent and not being tied to any other organisation, it will be best placed to represent, protect & promote the hobby for the MAJORITY of detectorists regardless of who they are insured with.

LEGISE annual fees £1 per member.

Finance

- LEGISE's bank balance is currently healthy, standing at £5,368. However, annual outgoings will increase in 2023, owing to planned activities.
- Membership remains as at last year with 172 members.

Facebook Group

- Some finds specialists have been invited to join LEGISE's Facebook Group. Some of these are not on social media but can be contacted when for finds identification as and when necessary.
- LEGISE hopes to add a finds conservator to the Facebook Group.
- Members are advised to post photos onto the LEGISE Facebook Group, showing each side of a coin / artefact, together with a measuring scale.
- The use of the 'What3Words' app, together with photos and a post code shall be encouraged.

Planned Activities

- A KAMSU survey will be held on 23/24 November at Lossenham, Kent, organised by Andrew Richardson. Two teams of eight detectorists have been chosen by their respective clubs. Priority has been given to those who missed out last time when the survey was cancelled in December 2021. As on earlier surveys, numbers would be limited, and car sharing shall be encouraged.
- Paul Everest (Cinque Ports MDC) has been appointed as the KAMSU East Kent Co-ordinator. Trevor Lowdell is currently unwell, and Paul will take over from him to co-ordinate future KAMSU surveys.
- The planned KAMSU detecting surveys at Faversham Lees Court Estate are hoping to go ahead in the Spring of 2023.
- Arrangements are being made to hold a finds 'first-aid' conservation workshop at Sittingbourne on Saturday 4 February 2023. This workshop is primarily aimed at detectorists that are fairly new to the hobby and may not have had advice on how best to care for their finds.
- Planning is currently underway to hold a one-day landscape metal detecting survey at a farm in Shepherdswell on 19 February next year. LEGISE club reps have been requested to establish the level of interest. A list of requirements has been sent to all clubs asking if members can help by loaning necessary items to reduce expenditure.

LEGISE presents the concept of landscape recording to the PAS

- Following a meeting between representatives from the Affiliated Regions for Metal Detecting (ARMD), Association of Metal Detecting Sport (AMDS) and Michael Lewis (head of treasure and PAS) at the British Museum in August, LEGISE presented the concept of Landscape Recording to all nationwide FLOs by Zoom on the 8th of November.
Michael Lewis followed up from the meeting by mailing attendees the following comments and a copy of David Barwell's 'Field Assemblage Recording Guide: -

Many thanks to all of you who attended the AMDS / ARMD presentation by David Barwell on landscape recording. David has passed on the attached, which you might find interesting.

As agreed, I think it is useful for us to consider how new technology (such as the new PAS database) can help capture more of the information collated by detectorists, and what finders can do to help themselves and us understand the landscapes they explore. Important points were raised in terms of the need for FLOs to see finds, obtain good findspots, how much capacity we have to record everything that detectorists find, and what are the limitations in finders providing information that is useful for us, field archaeologists and researchers in general (both of the landscape and finds).

I propose we reflect and then have a longer 'seminar-like' discussion with David and others in the new year. I certainly do not think it is sustainable to record finds exactly the way we do now...

Best wishes, Michael

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**Just one small step now being discussed nationally.
One giant step to secure and protect our hobby.**