

## **Appendix 8: Cover letter sent to metal detecting club representatives**



Dear

### **PhD Research Questionnaires for metal detecting clubs in England and Wales**

I am a research postgraduate at the International Centre for Cultural and Heritage Studies (ICCHS), part of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. I am currently undertaking a PhD thesis titled “*The relationships between archaeologists and metal-detector users in England and Wales: impact of past and implications for the future*”. As part of my research I aim to gain information from metal detecting clubs and metal-detector users in England and Wales, which is why I have contacted you. My research has been discussed with Trevor Austin of the NCMD and David Wood of the FID, who are both in support of this project.

Please find enclosed a questionnaire for a representative of your metal detecting club containing questions relating to the club or society. If you would prefer not to fill this questionnaire in yourself I would be grateful if you could pass it to a colleague for them to fill in. I also enclose a stamped addressed envelope in which you can return the completed questionnaire.

The results of this survey will be used in my PhD thesis. Your responses will be treated in confidence and used only for this academic research. I will not quote you or your club directly in my thesis if you would prefer me not to. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [s.e.thomas@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:s.e.thomas@ncl.ac.uk), and I can be reached via telephone on 07703564048.

Thank you in advance for your time. Your input will be of enormous value to my research.

Yours sincerely,

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