Appendix 9: Questionnaire distributed to Finds Liaison Officers

Questionnaire for Finds Liaison Officers

Please return completed questionnaires to s.e.thomas@ncl.ac.uk or to Suzie Thomas, c/o ICCHS, University of Newcastle, Bruce Building, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU.

1. Name

2. Region where responsible as FLO

3. How long have you worked for the PAS
   a. In your current position?
      0-6 months  6-12 months  1-2 years  2-3 years  over three years
   b. In total?
      0-6 months  6-12 months  1-2 years  2-3 years  over three years

4. Number of known metal detecting clubs in your area
   (tick here if this is an estimate _)
   a. Number of clubs who responded to contact made by a FLO (you or a predecessor)
      (tick here if this is an estimate _)
   b. Number of clubs who made contact themselves with PAS without initial communication from a FLO
      (tick here if this is an estimate _)
c. Number of clubs who have been invited to work with PAS but have declined

   (tick here if this is an estimate)

d. Number of clubs that have worked with the PAS

   (tick here if this is an estimate)

e. Number of clubs who have not been contacted by PAS (and any reasons why)

   (tick here if this is an estimate)

5. **Number of individual metal-detector users (i.e. non-club members) who you see per annum.**

   (tick here if this is an estimate)

6. **Number of metal-detector users known to you who have contacts with other archaeologists/heritage specialists e.g. community archaeologist or museum staff, but no direct contact with the PAS.**

   (tick here if this is an estimate)

7. **Would you say that there has been an increase or decrease of metal-detector user involvement with PAS in your region in the past three years?**

   Increase   Decrease   Neither

   a. What, in your opinion, are the main reasons for this trend?
8. Are you aware of any serious incidents of nighthawking in your region?

Yes         No

a. If yes, how many incidents in the past 12 months?

(tick here if this is an estimate)

b. Are there any specific sites/areas that seem to be particularly vulnerable to nighthawking? Please state where.

c. Have there been, to your knowledge, any convictions or attempted convictions for nighthawking in your region in the past three years?

Yes         No         Not sure

9. What, in your opinion, are the key challenges regarding engaging metal-detector users faced by FLOs in general?

10. What, in your opinion, are your own key challenges?

11. What could happen (in an ‘ideal world’) to improve any of the challenges/issues described in Questions 8, 9 and/or 10?

12. Any additional comments?

13. As part of my research, I will be focussing on specific regions in England and Wales. Would you be willing to be interviewed for this research, if required? (Please tick)

Yes         No

Thank you.