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Back cover Lozenge shaped copper alloy mount with embossed fleur-de-lys
from excavations in advance of the Arbroath Abbey visitor centre
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Introduction

I am very pleased to introduce Volume 23 of the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal. This volume is our first foray into digital publishing and we are confident this venture will allow a wider audience to access the journal.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who provided generous grant aid enabling the papers to be published. These funders are: Scotia Homes (North) Ltd, Historic Environment Scotland, HLF, Kinross (Marshall) Museum and Our Portmoak.

Papers in this first digital journal include Matthew Ginniver's work on the Iron Age settlement and souterrain at Dubton Farm, Angus, Oliver O'Grady's work at St Serf's Island in Loch Leven, David Perry and Ray Cachart on their excavations at Arbroath Abbey

visitor centre and Gordon Barclay and Ron Morris's examination of the fixed defences of the Forth in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars.

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And, as always, thanks to you, the reader, who stayed with us for twenty-two years of the printed journal. We hope you enjoy the new digital world.

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