

Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal

Notes for contributors

1 The Editor welcomes the submission of papers which are principally on the archaeology and history of the two regions. Papers can be submitted at any time but a deadline of *1st February* applies if a paper is to be published in November the same year. Papers will be sent out to external referees. Some indication of any likely level of publication grant available for the paper should be indicated. Contributors should note that it may not be possible to publish their submissions unless a publication grant is available. For ease of reference the cost of a page of the journal is £25 and each page holds 1200 words. Illustrations should also be included in any estimate of publication costs. A note of the word count and the number of illustrations in the submitted paper should also be supplied.

2 Style

The Journal is published in double column A4 format – see previous volumes.

Dimensions should be given in metric units, in kilometres, metres, or millimetres, and expressed thus: 12mm, 1.37m, 2.3km. There should be no space between the characters. There is no need to use a decimal place (for example, 2.0m) if it is not required, it should be 2m.

Numbers can be given in full text when less than 10, but as numerals for any greater numbers; for example, ‘six soil samples’, but ‘56 sherds’, ‘18th-century pottery’.

‘and’ should always be used in text, not ‘&’.

Dates should be condensed as, for example, ‘1944–8’; except teen years, for example, ‘1914–18’. The first to ninth centuries can be written as text but others in numerals, for example, ‘pottery from the 18th century’ but ‘18th-century pottery’.

Italics should be used for foreign words, book titles, and for emphasis, but *not* for quotations.

Illustrations, including photographs should be labelled ‘Illus’ in a continuously numbered sequence. A caption list for all illustrations must be included with the final submission. Where relevant the captions should include the name of the artist/photographer (unless all were produced as part of the project being described) and any permissions for the reproduction of the illustration (this may occasionally involve both the holder of the copyright and the organisation which provided the

copy of the image). If an image is supplied by an organisation, please ensure that any precise wording supplied by them relating to permission/copyright is used.

National Grid References should appear as NGR NO 4124 3826.

Compass points should be written as concisely and clearly as possible. Terms such as ‘from north-north-west to south-south-east’ are more easily written (and understood) thus ‘from NNW to SSE’. If used in describing the dimensions of a building or an excavation trench, for example, one might say that it ‘measured 14m from N to S by 5m transversely’. Please *do not* use the word *from* in conjunction with hyphens, for example, ‘measured 14m from N-S by 5m transversely’ or ‘measured 14m from N-S by 5m E-W’. *From* must be used in conjunction with the word *to* and is the preferred format for dimensions.

Similarly, it is not necessary to express the points of the compass in full when providing descriptions of location. Thus, ‘the stone circle lay 10m N of the road’, or ‘the excavation trench was situated 34m SSE of the corner of the field’.

Single quotation marks should be used for text and titles as well as for direct speech, and double “quotation marks” only for quotes within quotes. Where quotations are shortened three dots should replace the missing words, but it is usually not necessary to put these at the beginning or end of the quotation. There should be a space between the dots and the words either side (just as there would have been with the missing words).

Points on abbreviations should be omitted – eg, ed, eds, edn, pers comm, etc, ie, Mr, Ms, Dr, no 4, nos 16 and 21, vol 89, illus 21, A Smith, St Michael.

There should be no **line spaces** between paragraphs or references.

3 References

Authors should note that their papers should contain ‘References’, *not* ‘Bibliography’. The list should contain only references that have been cited in the body of the paper, either in the main text, specialist reports, or appendices. As a matter of course, *before* the paper is sent to the Editorial Committee, the author should check that every text reference is included in the reference list, and that every item listed is included in the text. References should be stated as follows.

Books

The name of the publisher *and* the place of publication should be given, for example:

Cruden, S 1986 *Scottish Medieval Churches*, 34–5. John Donald, Edinburgh.

Chapters in books

Spearman, R M 1988 ‘The Medieval Townscape of Perth’, in Lynch, M, Spearman, M and Stell, G (eds) *The Scottish Medieval Town*, 42–59. John Donald, Edinburgh.

Theses

Torrie, E P D 1988 *The Guild in Fifteenth century Dunfermline*, (unpubl PhD thesis, University of Edinburgh).

Articles

Woolliscroft, D J 1994 ‘Signalling and the design of the Gask Ridge system’, *Proc Soc Antiq Scot*, 123, 291–313.

MacAskill, N L 1987 ‘Ceramic building material’, in Holdsworth, P (ed) *Excavations in the Medieval Burgh of Perth 1979–81*, 156–7. Edinburgh (= Soc Antiq Scot Monogr Ser, 5).

Hall, D W 1997 ‘The Pottery’, in Rains, M J and Hall, D W (eds) *Excavations in St Andrews 1980–89*, 26–30. Glenrothes (= Tayside Fife Archaeol Committee Monogr 1).

Hodgson, G W I 1983 ‘The animal remains from medieval sites within three burghs on the eastern Scottish seaboard’, in Proudfoot, B (ed) *Site, environment and economy*, 3–32. Oxford (= BAR Int Ser 173).

Discovery and Excavation in Scotland should be referenced as follows: ‘as found by Bloggs (Bloggs 1997, 23)’ with the year indicating the year of publication of that issue of *Discovery and Excavation*. The full reference would then read: Bloggs, A 1997 ‘Pictsholme’, *Discovery Excav Scot* 1997, 23.

Titles and dates of journals

Titles of foreign journals should be given in full, but British and Irish journals can be abbreviated, for example, *Discovery Excav Scot*, *Tayside Fife Archaeol J*.

Publication years for a journal should only be included after the journal title where the volume covers a split year (for example, 1971–2).

Documentary sources should be given their full archive number and repository.

Maps should be identified by their full title in the reference list.

Footnotes should never be used and references should appear in the text as follows: (Torrie 1988) or ‘as Torrie has stated (1988, 54)’.

4 Submission of papers

4.1 Initially two digital copies of the paper should be submitted to the Editor. Files should be double-spaced in Word or rtf format. An abstract, of no more than 150 words, and a list of key words, in alphabetical order, should appear at the end of the paper. The body funding the publication of the paper should be credited at the very end of the article. The number of words the text contains should be appended.

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