1.0 THE EDITORIAL PROCESS

1.1 *Wealden Iron* first appeared in 1969 and is now issued annually in hard copy to some 170 members. A volume normally runs to a maximum of 72 pages, including the index.

1.2 The Editor, assisted by the Editorial Board, is responsible for producing the *Collections*.

1.3 The latest date at which articles can be received for the volume to be issued for the same year is 31 March.

1.4 An article must have a clear line of argument with conclusions and be intelligible to the interested lay reader, and not just to the other couple of experts on the topic.

1.5 The Editor or another member of the Advisory Board makes an initial assessment of a submitted article and, if it is relevant to the *Bulletin*, a referee, an acknowledged expert in its field is asked to read it and to report to the Editor on originality and significance. The referee may be a member of the Advisory Board, or the Editor. In accordance with normal convention, the referee remains anonymous. If the report is favourable, you are advised of any comments including changes that should be made. The comments of the initial assessor, the referee and the Editor may call for quite extensive rewriting and resubmission, sometimes in a much shorter format. It is the Editor who makes the final decision on whether to accept an article for publication. If the referee recommends that the article not be accepted, the Editor may seek a second, independent appraisal in an attempt to explore ways in which it could be reworked. Whenever possible, the Editor will give feedback on why an article has not been accepted.

1.6 Which articles the Editor can include in a given volume depends on their individual length.

1.7 If an article is accepted, you will be asked to provide the text as agreed with the Editor, digitally or on paper, and in full accordance with the guidance in these Notes, unless exceptions are agreed in advance.

2.0 PREPARING ARTICLES FOR SUBMISSION

2.1 The *Collections* are printed in monochrome throughout and you are encouraged to take full account of this. Also take account of its page format when preparing tables and illustrations, particularly if they need to be reduced to a set scale. The page dimensions are:
- printable page width – 115mm;
- printable page height – 160mm, including figure captions;

2.2 Articles for the *Bulletin* are normally prepared from the digital version of your final text,
2.3 Initially you should submit your article in digital format or on paper. The latter should not carry any manuscript amendments. You should retain an identical copy. When you have agreed with the Editor the final text of an accepted article, you should submit a digital version including all illustrations and one paper copy.

2.4 The paper copy (and hence the digital text) should be prepared at A5 page size, in 11 point text with double spacing, printed on one side of the paper only and with good margins. Notes and references should have the same spacing as the main text and should start on a new page. All pages should be numbered, and the first line of paragraphs indented. Right-hand justification should not be used and splitting of words with hyphens between lines should be avoided. Text to be published in italics, bold, etc., should be formatted and printed as such.

2.5 Articles should not normally exceed 5000 words plus references. You should offer justification for greater length. Longer articles may be acceptable if justified by the content.

2.6 Where appropriate, articles should be divided into sections described by headings which should be printed in bold type and capital letters without a full stop. Sub-sections should adhere to a logical hierarchy.

2.7 Check your article carefully before submission. It should be internally consistent in spelling, style of references etc. Refer in the main text to ALL figures and tables in the order in which they appear.

2.8 You are responsible for obtaining permission to print text and illustrations in which copyright subsists, and for including appropriate acknowledgements in the article.

2.9 In an excavation report you should state where the finds and the ‘site archive’ have been deposited.

3.0 EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS


3.2 Spellings should follow the current edition of *The concise Oxford dictionary* for common words. In particular, words such as ‘organisation’ and ‘recognise’ should be spelt with an ‘s’ rather than a ‘z’. The spelling of place-names should generally follow modern Ordnance Survey maps. Quotations from documents should be rendered in modern spelling and orthography, unless the usage of the original is in itself significant. Words without modern equivalents should be presented in italics.

3.2 Quotations
3.2.1 Quotations should normally be given in English, and should be carefully transcribed. If quotation in another language is essential, a translation should also be given. Single quotation marks should be used, and double quotation marks for quotations within quotations. Long quotations, e.g. over 50 words, should be indented, without quotation marks. Omitted matter should be indicated by three stops or an ellipsis (Ctrl+Alt+. in Word), proceeded and followed by a space.

3.2.2 Inset quotations should be preceded and followed by the correct punctuation, which varies according to whether the quotation is part of a sentence begun in the main text. If it is, a colon is recommended before the quotation, and of course a full stop afterwards. If not, then the preceding sentence ends normally with a full stop. If the quotation is not from a written source but spoken words, it should have single quotation marks.

3.2.3 Quotation marks should not be used to emphasise words in the text.

3.3 Capitals should be sparingly used, e.g. King James II visited Chichester Cathedral, but the king visited the cathedral; West Africa, but the west of Scotland; the Iron Age, but medieval houses. Archaeological periods should be as follows: palaeolithic; mesolithic; neolithic; Bronze Age; Iron Age; Romano-British; Anglo-Saxon; medieval; post-medieval. Parliamentary Acts should be given with leading capitals.

3.4 For abbreviations, the general rule is that an abbreviated word is followed by a full point. The full point is omitted when: the contracted form of a word ends with the same letter as the full form, including plurals; the initial letters of each word of the title of a standard work of reference, journal or series are used as an abbreviated title; and in commonly used abbreviations for countries, institutions and organizations. Thus: Prof. J. H. Plumb, Mr, vols, Fig. 1, Figs 1 and 2, c.e., pp., a.m., ODNB, USA, BL, NATO. Although compass directions will normally be spelt within the text (see 3.12 below), they will normally be abbreviated in tables and on illustrations to W, SW, WSW for example.

3.5 Italics should be used for the titles of books, plays, films, periodicals and long poems; the names of ships; genera, species and varieties; foreign phrases not yet anglicised in an English sentence; directions to the reader (e.g. see Fig. 1) but not for titles of unpublished works.

3.6 For numbers, in text matter the numbers nought to nine should normally be spelt out, and higher numbers given as figures. Numerals should be used for dates (see para. 3.8). If the use of a number at the beginning of a sentence cannot be avoided by re-phrasing, the figure should be spelt. However, when numbers appear in a sequence, figures should be used: ‘The team varied between 8 and 12 people’; or ‘Only 7 sherds were found in pit 1 and 19 in pit 5’. Numbers of five or more digits should have commas (10,000: 1,276,543). Ranges of numbers (e.g. page numbers in references) should be given as follows: 1–15, 17–19 (not 17–9), 25–7, 116–18 (not 116–8), 235–7. The % symbol should be used in both textual and tabular matter unless at the beginning of a sentence, e.g. ‘Fifty per cent of the population … ’. Use ‘about’, ‘around’ or ‘c.’ not ‘~’ for approximations. Avoid the Americanization ‘#’.

3.7 Dates should be given in the following form: 54 BC; AD 1066 (AD only if needed for clarity); c. 1800; 18 June 1815; the winter of 1962/3; 185–122 BC; the 2nd century, the 15th century (N.B. no superscript); 1818–35, 1914–18; the 1780s. The abbreviation of ‘century’ to ‘C’ may only be used in tables. Use the forms bp, bc, ad for uncalibrated radiocarbon dates, followed by laboratory initials and number, e.g. 2950±150 bc (BM-73) or capital BC etc for calibrated dates.
Avoid the use of *circa* in prose.

**3.8 Monetary sums** should be written thus: nine pence; one shilling; £1019 6s 8d, i.e. without stops; £1019; £1.64; £6 million; 36p (or £0.36 in a list of prices). All monetary sums in tables should be written in figures.

**3.9 National Grid References** (usually abbreviated to NGR) should be in the form SU 896401 and SU 8964 4012 (with space between groups of four or more numbers).

**3.10 Measurements and weights** should be expressed in metric units, unless the topic dictates otherwise (e.g. a Victorian tithe survey measured in acres). The metric units should be abbreviated without full points: mm, m, km, g, kg, ha, etc. and without spacing, e.g. 24mm or 13kg. Linear measurements should not be given in centimetres. Metric measurements should be given in mm up to 499mm and in m thereafter, e.g. 0.5m, 1.76m; and to km at 1km or, in the case of hectares as 2.5ha unless a measurement boundary is crossed, e.g. where the first figure is below 500mm use ‘400 – 700mm’ rather than ‘400mm – 0.7m’. Similarly, if the range includes figures below and above 10, then Arabic numbers should be used, e.g. ‘The length varied between 8 and 12m’ but ‘The windows measured two to three metres across’. Other common examples of measurements include, ‘a one-metre-wide evaluation trench’ or, if a decimal place is involved, ‘a 1.5m-wide evaluation trench’.

**3.11 Hyphens** should be used correctly and sparingly. Note the difference between ‘wall painting’ (noun) and ‘wall-painting technique’ (adjective); similarly ‘poor law’ (noun), ‘Poor-Law expenditure’ (adjective). Preferred examples are: north-east, flint-tempered pottery, post-hole, stake-hole, but roundhouse, 13th-century pottery, and late 16th-century cauldron. A distinction should be made and maintained between hyphens and en dashes (2004–5; Cleere and Crossley 1985, 46–9; the London–Brighton line). The en dash can be found in Word under ‘Insert’, ‘Symbol’.

**3.12 Underlining** should be avoided.

**3.13 Cross-references** to other parts of the article should where possible be in the form ‘see Introduction’ or ‘see below’ rather than ‘see p. 000’.

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(1) AUTHOR-DATE SYSTEM

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For editions of historical sources or for institutional publications, use a shortened version: Bede, Hist. ecc., iv, 25; Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1272–81, 315; RCAHM (Scotl.), 1971. A small number of references to manuscripts can be incorporated, e.g. ESRO, AMS 6279.

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The following examples indicate the form of references. Journal and serial titles are initially given in full with subsequent entries being abbreviated.


Peckham, W. D. (ed.) 1942–3. *The Chartularies of the High Church of Chichester*, Sussex Record Society 46. (*For a serial of this nature, no place or name of publisher is needed."


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7. W. D. Peckham (ed.), *The chartularies of the High Church of Chichester*, Sussex Record Society (hereafter SRS) 46 (1942–3), xii. For later citations of the same volume, and also where a volume is cited only incidentally, the name of the author and title of the volume may be omitted, e.g. SRS 46, 1–3.


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court roll 1517.
ESRO, AMS 6279, William Green to Francis Grose, 31 May 1773.
British Library (hereafter BL), Add. MS. 17,398, ff. 103–11.
Yale Univ. Lib., Turner Coll., II/2, 22, 24 and 27 Jan. 1755.
Distinguish folios, membranes and pages. The reverse side of a folio is cited thus: f. 123v. and of
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descriptive. All lettering should normally confront the reader the right way up when the volume is
read, and this should be considered carefully, especially when using a table to be printed
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