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**8.** Supplementary material (catalogues, tables, illustrations etc.) which supports the article but cannot be included in the print journal for reasons of space may be published online as an attachment to the electronic journal. Any such material must be submitted in the form it is to appear online. For further information see Appendix below. Authors planning to submit supplementary material should contact the Editor.

**9.** Contributors will receive a pdf offprint of their article. Paper offprints will not be provided.

## II. ROMAN BRITAIN IN 20XX

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3. When photographs are taken the light should be raking and, where possible, from the left and well above the horizontal axis.
4. The principles which are followed for the inclusion or exclusion of inscriptions on pottery and tiles are set out in *RIB* I, p. xvii, s.v. scope (d) 1–4.

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1. This section is intended to incorporate as comprehensive a resume as possible of all work undertaken across Roman Britain in any given year. It will be published in two parts:
  - i. A selection of the most significant sites and discoveries for each region will be included both in the print and online versions of the journal. Particular emphasis will be placed on entries which have national importance or make a significant contribution to the subject, have accompanying plans and illustrations, and where the findings have ideally been suitably contextualised. The selection of material to be included will be made by the overall editor of the Sites and Discoveries section in consultation with the appropriate regional editor, with reference to the space available in the print journal and the significance of the findings. The selection will also seek to achieve a regional and thematic balance.
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supplementary online material will be in A4 format, with footnotes, and will be accessible via the online journal webpage.

2. All information about sites and discoveries other than inscriptions or those reported via the Portable Antiquities Scheme should be sent before **31 March** of the year following discovery to:

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Scotland (Section 2): Dr F. Hunter, National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF ([f.hunter@nms.ac.uk](mailto:f.hunter@nms.ac.uk)).

Hadrian's Wall (Section 3) and Northern England (Section 4, which comprises Cheshire, County Durham, Cumbria, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Yorkshire, and associated unitary authorities): Dr Anna Walas, Centre for Advanced Studies, Highfield House, Office B12, University Park Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD ([anna.walas@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:anna.walas@nottingham.ac.uk)).

The Midlands (Section 5, which comprises Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and associated unitary authorities ) and East Anglia (Section 6, which comprises Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and associated unitary authorities): Alice Lyons, 31 Portersfield Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 3JT ([alice.lyons1@ntlworld.com](mailto:alice.lyons1@ntlworld.com)).

Greater London (Section 7) and Southern Counties (east) (Section 9b, which comprises Berkshire, East Sussex, Kent, Surrey, West Sussex, and associated unitary authorities): Sadie Watson, MoLA, Mortimer Wheeler House, 46 Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7ED ([swatson@mola.org.uk](mailto:swatson@mola.org.uk)).

Southern Counties (west) (Section 9a, which comprises Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire, and associated unitary authorities) and South-Western Counties (Section 8, which comprises Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Gloucestershire, and associated unitary authorities): Dr John Salvatore, JPS Heritage Services, Apt. 1, Old St Loyes, Salters Road, Exeter EX2 5SZ ([johnpsalvatore@gmail.com](mailto:johnpsalvatore@gmail.com)).

**3.** Information on projects including surveys, excavations and evaluations that yield evidence for Roman-period activity is welcomed. Reports should be as concise as is consonant with clarity and comprehensibility, make reference to significant dating evidence, and seek to provide an appropriate level of interpretation and contextualisation. They should avoid the level of detail appropriate to an interim or final report, and in all but exceptional circumstances should be less than 1,000 words in length. Negative evidence will not normally be included except where it is relevant to the wider aspects of an otherwise significant site.

4. Where results are particularly significant, or where there is the opportunity to collate the results of several years' work on a long-running investigation which has reached a significant stage or terminated, contributors are also encouraged to contact the Editor at an early stage as the submission of a Shorter Contribution may be deemed advantageous to the readership in advance of final publication (this would allow for accounts of up to 3,500 words). Such contributions will be subject to the normal peer review process.

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6. Contributions should be submitted as MS Word compatible files by email attachment or CD. They should state the county or unitary authority area, and on a separate line the parish (in bold type), site name (in italic type) and eight figure National Grid Reference with letter preface (e.g. SU 1830 3915). If the contribution is accompanied by illustrations, captions should be supplied which state the name of the individual or organisation responsible for the illustration, and any copyright accreditations. The following details should be included as footnotes:

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(b) The body funding the investigation (where applicable).

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(d) Recent and forthcoming publications. Where the investigation is reported in a grey literature report which is available on line, a hyperlink should be included (where possible, a DOI should be cited).

7. Dimensions should be given in *Système Internationale* units, e.g. metres (m), kilometres (km), hectares (ha), grammes (g). Non-metric equivalents may also be given where useful for comparison with earlier data.

### III. REVIEWS

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Since the main article alone will appear in the print journal it must be free-standing and the reader must be able to follow its arguments without reference to the supplementary material; catalogues and specialist data should be included in the article itself if essential to the main arguments.

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Supplementary material must be submitted in the form it is intended to appear online (e.g. pdf). In the main article text a section directing readers to the supplementary material will appear before the references; this will include a link to the online page from which it can be accessed. Further cross-references may be inserted in the main article.

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