Internet Archaeology: Information for Authors

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Develop your ideas

Thinking of publishing in Internet Archaeology?

"Internet Archaeology seems a more approachable option to publishing than the more traditional publications." Archaeological specialist in National government (PUBLICAN survey)

Publishing in Internet Archaeology gives you the freedom to present your work in full. The journal imposes no limit to the length of research articles or the number of figures, tables, visualisations, datasets, videos and other file formats that you wish to present in the main body of the article. Nor does your article have to have an intrinsic "digital/IT" focus for it to be suitable for publication in the journal. Being open access and free to read means your work will have broad visibility and reach, and since the journal is archived by the Archaeology Data Service, then your content is assured to be preserved and managed into the future.

The Editor is keen for the journal to be a natural place of publication for both the commercial and academic archaeology/heritage sectors.

Here are some other reasons why you might want to publish in Internet Archaeology.

Types of publication

"Internet Archaeology [enables] authors to publish their data alongside their publication... this represents what I consider the best means of dissemination that enables a greater
understanding of the discussion and its underlying data.” Archaeological specialist, National government (PUBLICAN survey)

If you are interested in a different way of publishing, and moving beyond the printed page and PDF, then Internet Archaeology is the journal for you.

Research Articles

A research article in Internet Archaeology can be of any length, can take many forms and follow different structures. It can be a work of regional, national or international interest, it can be an excavation/fieldwork report, an artefact study, a methodological study, a scientific analysis, a discussion about a reconstruction or visualisation, the list goes on. The Editor is interested in all manner of research articles, short, medium and long (all the way up to monograph-length). The Editor will always look for opportunities to present content in ways that can not be done in print and is happy to discuss your ideas, even if you feel they are at an early stage.

Does your research involve data, visualisations/models, videos, audio data? We are interested! All these things can be included in your publication.

The following other types of publication are also welcome.

Data Papers

A data paper is a short, peer-reviewed publication which acts as a signpost or additional 'window' for a related archived dataset. The aim of a data paper is to raise awareness of that dataset and its re-use potential. A data paper describes the contents of a dataset deposited (or soon to be deposited) with a trusted, accredited repository, the methods used to create that dataset and, most importantly, what further avenues of research are possible. A data paper is a very useful companion publication to many digital archives and can sit easily alongside a richer digital publication in the journal. See our separate data papers section for examples, submission requirements and more information.

Thematic Issues

A themed issue contains articles that link together and focus on a single topic, thus making a valuable intervention in a field. A themed issue may derive from a conference session while others may arise from meetings and desire for synthesis. Some very helpful tips to consider when considering compiling themed issues can be found here.

The main challenge for editors of proposed themed issues in Internet Archaeology is how to obtain sufficient funds to cover the related author fees (these can be lower for themed issues than for individual articles due to some efficiencies of scale). The Editor may be able to help authors with funding applications (either for the theme as a whole or for individual contributors who may be
eligible to apply for their own costs) but crowd-funding themed issues is also an option where there are no organisational-level of funds to draw from. Please just ask the Editor if you need some further guidance.

**Monographs**

Some journal articles are long form publications, essentially digital monographs, and they may also contain a large number of images, visualisations and data as well as integrate with other related digital outputs like a digital archive. Many monographs are outputs from large research projects so publications should be costed in to research proposals and grant applications at the earliest possible stage.

**Review articles**

The Editor is interested in reviewing all manner of digital archaeological/heritage content except for books unless they have a very specific computing/digital slant. Most reviews are solicited by the journal Editor, but if you would like to review something for us, just ask! Reviews should be no longer than c.2000 words (but we do consider breaking our own rules sometimes). See our separate reviews section for more information.

**Academic archaeologists**

“a...transparent and speedy process from submission to publication - and a personal touch”

Academic staff member (PUBLICAN survey)

Are you planning a publication and do you want to make it an impact? Do you have a research project either under way or in mind? We understand the changing technological and policy environment in which researchers work and the Editor can:

- assist in all aspects of the development and management of your publication, and help to make your published content FAIR (data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)
- assist you with helping to cost for publication in your funding applications
- work with you to turn an idea into a publication
- work with you regarding data requirements to enable preservation for the long term
- work on your behalf to promote your publication
- provide you with post-publication usage statistics to aid your impact tracking

**Professional archaeologists**
“[Internet Archaeology] is the only journal in archaeology to integrate results and data. Its impact as a force for good and encouraging open access in our discipline cannot be underestimated.” Archaeological specialist, National body (PUBLICAN survey)

Timely publication with wide dissemination is something the journal is able to do. Open access publication in Internet Archaeology gives greater visibility to your publication and will assist in your broader dissemination needs, where full(er) publication is a condition of discharge, adding value in the longer term by increasing local knowledge and awareness of archaeology. Internet Archaeology can help you produce wider public benefit than conventional methods of publication. What's more, Internet Archaeology is well-placed to help you meet such needs in one publication.

The Editor can

- assist in all aspects of the development and management of your publication
- advise on all aspects of the publication process (no question too silly!)
- provide assistance in the early stages of project planning (our experience has shown the importance of such involvement and of factoring in publication costs at an early stage)
- work with you to turn an idea into a publication
- liaise with, and for large projects visit, you/your staff to enable the smooth progression of publication and to make your content FAIR (data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)
- undertake the editing, copy editing and proofing (removing this burden from your staff)
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- work on your behalf to promote your publication

Be Creative! Find inspiration with some examples

“Internet Archaeology has enabled very large datasets to be published and archived in a timely manner, and to reach an international audience, offering unique opportunities for the profession.” Independent researcher (PUBLICAN survey)

3D models: Taylor et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue47/1/index.html]; Milner et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue40/8/index.html]; Walsh et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue42/1/index.html]

Animations: Murphy et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue44/12/index.html]; Morgan and Scholma-Mason [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue44/11/index.html]

Audio: Murphy et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue44/12/3-1.html]
Clickable maps: Mudd et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue47/4/2-4.html; Groot and Kooistra [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue27/5/3.1.1.html

Data papers: Smith et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue47/8/index.html

Extended summary/visual summary: Walsh et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue42/1/vs.html; Pitts [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue21/2/summary.html

Image gallery: Smith et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue47/2/3-4.html

Integrating data: Cameron et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue52/1/index.html; Durham [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue31/durham_index.html; Johnson et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue23/1/1.html#1.3

Interactive mapping: Haldenby and Richards [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue42/3/4-1.html

Linking to digital archives/Integrating data from other sources: Mudd et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue47/4/index.html; Clarke et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue21/silchester_index.html

Video: Cameron et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue52/1/index.html; Jenson [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue44/8/4.html; Baxter [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue36/baxter_index.html

Zoomable images: Corcos et al. [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue45/3/4.html; Sterry [https://intarch.ac.uk/journal/issue50/15/index.html

Structure

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See also: Ten simple rules for structuring papers; Planning and writing guidance from Writing For Research

Style Guide
Requirements, formats, tips and best practice

A publication in Internet Archaeology is flexible in layout and structure, but it is important that contributors adhere to this guidance as they write their draft text to ensure acceptance and subsequent smooth administration. The following elements are essential and some additional specifics to consider while drafting your article are set out below.

- Title
- Summary
- Corresponding author: name, affiliation and address, email/contact details and ORCID identifier
- Additional authors; name, affiliation and ORCID (contact details optional)
- 5-10 keywords
- Table of contents
- List of figures
- List of tables
- List of data/other files
- Main text (with headings and sub-headings to improve readability)
- Bibliography
- Acknowledgements

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**Text format**

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- 1. Introduction
- 2. Contemporary Pipemaking in Bristol
  - 2.1 Pipemakers within and immediately adjacent to the study area
  - 2.2 Documentary records
  - 2.3 Archaeological and cartographic evidence

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Figure 32: The antler piece from Bodal Mose, Åmose (Photograph by Arnold Mikkelsen, Nationalmuseet, CC BY SA http://samlinger.natmus.dk/DO/9617).

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Whitaker 2019; Albarella and Davis 1996, 48; Zimmerman et al. 2003; English Heritage 2000)

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Author name(s) Year 'Article title', Publication (in italics) Vol No(in bold) with issue no. in brackets, page nos. and/or DOI.

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https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-40658-9_14


**Books**

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**Primary sources**
Name of the institution responsible for the custody of the record/catalogue, title and reference including any additional identifiers.

University of Aberdeen, Ms 387/3/1/2, 'The Rentall of the College Marischall. 8 November 1716'.

Social media

IntarchEditor 2019, 7 May 'Did you know that Internet Archaeology incorporates the @hypothes_is tool for annotations and comments? Select some text from any published article and try it out. Tell us what you think!' [Tweet].


Williams, H.M.R. 2019 'Selling dead bodies and mortuary artefacts in the UK today: Welbeck Hill', Archaeodeath: The Archaeology and Heritage of Death & Memory [blog]

Internet Archaeology 2019, 13 Jun 'If you are planning to submit an article proposal ...', [Facebook post] https://www.facebook.com/internet.archaeology/posts/2560575283954891 [Last accessed: 4 Jul 2019]

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Researchers may also have access to other publication funds at department level. In our experience, it is always worth asking!

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