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For all documents that existed within the NRA DMRB or the NRA MCDRW prior to the launch of TII Publications, the NRA document reference used previously is listed above under ‘historical reference’. The TII Publication Number also shown above now supersedes this historical reference. All historical references within this document are deemed to be replaced by the TII Publication Number. For the equivalent TII Publication Number for all other historical references contained within this document, please refer to the TII Publications website.
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Two sets of the work are required, including text and illustrations, printed in hard copy, and accompanied by a full set of digital files, clearly labelled.

CD-ROM

Books published in the TII Heritage series that relate to a single road/light rail scheme are usually accompanied by a CD-ROM containing the full excavation Final Reports and other relevant information. A list of the contents of the CD-ROM should appear in the contents list of the printed book.

In addition to archaeological report files, the CD-ROM should contain a simple text file listing the contents of the CD-ROM, and giving the name of the parent monograph, authors’ names, year and place of publication and the publisher (i.e. TII).

In preparing the CD-ROM for publication, avoid multiple folders and sub-folders, and digital interfaces that may not be suitable for all readers. Present individual reports as single files where possible (i.e. not multiple files consisting of text, tables and illustrations). Adobe PDF files are currently preferred.

Filenames should be short and self-explanatory. Ideally, filenames for Final Reports will include the site name, type of site and excavation registration number (e.g. Carnmore West cashel and souterrain E2436.pdf)

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The hierarchy and style of headings and subheadings is continually evolving to achieve greatest clarity and economy, and also a ‘best fit’ for the particular publication in hand. (For the latest example see TII Heritage 2 in the series, *The Science of a Lost Medieval Gaelic Graveyard*, published in December 2015.)

Authors need not aim to imitate existing publications closely but must indicate clearly to the copy-editor and typesetter the intended hierarchy of headings in the finished typescript that has been submitted for publication. As a general rule, use no more than four levels of heading within the body of the text (i.e. five levels including chapter headings), as in the following examples.
The principal authors’ names can be given in full in the title credits but names of contributing authors should be given as initials and surname.

by Michael Stanley & Jerry O’Sullivan
with contributions by M Deevy, N Dunne, K Hanley & R Swan

Names of contributing authors need not appear in the main contents list but should appear beneath the title of any section or chapter contributed by them in the text.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Acknowledgements section in monographs dealing with a specific road/light rail scheme is usually compiled by the principal authors. For proceedings, each paper may include an Acknowledgements section, in addition to the general Acknowledgements compiled by the editors for the volume as a whole. In terms of style, a clear and restrained statement of facts is better than effusive thanks. Thus ‘Henry Jones commented on an early draft’ and not ‘thanks to Henry Jones for taking the time from his busy schedule to comment on an early draft’. Avoid mere lists.

SITE LOCATION AND STATUS

Full details should be given for the location and status of the site or monument that is central to the report, including townland, county, ITM co-ordinates, height OD, excavation licence or registration number, Ministerial Directions number and excavation director’s name (if not the author). If relevant, the RMP number should also be cited. This information should be given as a footnote to the title page for the relevant chapter or section, or at the first mention of the site in the text. The information should be presented in the following format:

1 Camlin 4, Co. Tipperary: ITM co-ords 613746, 685763; height 140 m OD; Excavation Reg. No. E3580; Ministerial Directions No. A038; Record of Monuments and Places No. TN017-031.

In works that are concerned with more than one excavation site, this information must be included for each significant site that is described. Apart from this requirement, footnotes and endnotes should generally be avoided.
RADIOCARBON DATES

Within the text radiocarbon dates should be quoted as BC or AD dates, calibrated to the two-sigma (2σ) level of confidence, and followed by the lab code in parentheses—e.g. ‘2923–3329 BC (GU-9123)’. It is not necessary to specify in the text that these are calibrated dates by preceding them with the abbreviation ‘cal.’ if this has been specified elsewhere (e.g. introductory note) and if a full table of calibrated dates appears in the appendices or elsewhere in the text (as below).

BP dates are commonly used by natural scientists, especially in reference to dates that fall before the range of existing calibration curves, and may be used where appropriate—e.g. ‘62,500 ± 150 BP (GU-9123)’ but calibrated dates should be preferred in archaeological writing.

All radiocarbon dates should be given with full details in a table, identifying the lab code, the sample material, the radiometric age (i.e. yrs BP), the [delta] δ¹³C measurement (i.e. δ¹³C/¹²C ratio) and the one- and two-sigma (σ) calibrated date ranges. The table should conform to the following format. (Note: when citing the yrs BP of dates analysed by Beta Analytic be sure to cite the Calibrated Radiocarbon Age and not the Measured Radiocarbon Age.)

Table 1—Radiocarbon dates

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<td>Caltragh Bronze Age structures</td>
<td>Alder (Alnus glutinosa) charcoal from uppermost fill of post-pit</td>
<td>3220 ± 80</td>
<td>-24.2</td>
<td>1540–1410 BC (1σ) 1680–1320 BC (2σ)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beta-197650</td>
<td>Magheraboy medieval enclosure</td>
<td>Barley (Hordeum sp.) grains from basal fill of ditch</td>
<td>1170 ± 40</td>
<td>-26.0</td>
<td>AD 790–900 (1σ) AD 770–980 (2σ)</td>
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It may be useful to give the feature and/or sample number in the table of radiocarbon dates, but a description of the sampled context/sample material should always appear, as above.

The calibration dataset(s) and the calibration programme(s) used must be identified with reference to a published source, as in the following example:

Dates obtained from Queen’s University, Belfast (UB and UBA lab codes), were calibrated using datasets from Stuiver & Reimer (1993) and Reimer et al. (2004) and the CALIB 5.0.2 calibration programme (Stuiver et al. 2005).
NUMBERS

Numbers that are not units of measurement can be given in full text where less than 10 (i.e. one to nine), but as numerals for any greater numbers: ‘five samples from each pit’, but ‘22 sherds’. Number ranges (e.g. 20–40 years, 1–3 cm) are denoted by an ‘en dash’ (–) not a hyphen (–).

Dimensions should generally be given in metric units: kilometres, metres, centimetres or millimetres may all be used but should not be mixed. Thus ‘the pit was 1.1 m wide and 0.18 m deep’ (not 18 cm deep) and please note spacing before the metric unit. Imperial units may be quoted from earlier sources but with the metric equivalent in brackets.

Artefacts should always be described in millimetres but it is usual to give the stature of animals and people in centimetres.

The style of TII publications varies and authors should vary their use of reference numbers accordingly. It may not be appropriate to give feature, sample and finds numbers in the less technical essays that appear in the annual Heritage Week proceedings. On the other hand, it may be essential to give some of these numbers in road/light rail scheme monographs to facilitate cross-referencing between different parts of the text, or between the text and tables or illustrations.

For clarity, feature numbers, sample numbers, finds numbers and so forth should be clearly identified as such in the text. Thus, ‘The sherds from vessel 52 were recovered from sample 5002, representing the basal fill, context 124, of cist 7’ (not ‘sherds from 52 were recovered from 5002, representing the basal fill, 124, of 7’).

CALENDRICAL DATES

Dates should be given as 20 September 1996 (not, for instance, September 20th 1996).

Date ranges or spans should be condensed where possible as 1936–8 (not 1936–1938), and note en dash, not hyphen, to express a span; however, ‘from 1936 to 1938’ is also acceptable.

The first to ninth centuries may be given as text, but all others should be given as numerals. Thus, ‘finds from the ninth to the 19th century’ (but note hyphens in adjectival ‘ninth-century iron slag and 19th-century pottery’). Avoid superscript: thus 18th century, not 18th century.

The convention AD 413 x 427 describes the dates between which an historical event is thought to have occurred while the convention AD 413–27 describes the duration of an event.

Avoid the common error of the rogue apostrophe: thus 1660s and not 1660’s.

Note the proper order of the following: AD 413, but 427 BC.
QUOTATIONS

Quotation marks should be ‘single’ for text and titles and “double” only for quotes-within-quotes or for direct speech. Indented text may be used for longer quotations (i.e. more than three lines of typescript) and need not appear in quotation marks.

A translation should always accompany quotations in languages other than English. Quotations in Latin, Greek or other dead languages should appear in italics.

Archaic letter forms, in quotations from documentary sources, should be represented by the phonetic or orthographic modern equivalents (e.g. archaic ‘long’ form of S—thus ‘house’, not ‘houfe’; and formerly interchangeable I and J; thus ‘item’, not ‘jtem’).

REFERENCES

A bibliography should be included at the end of the work listing publications and other sources (e.g. maps, unpublished archive material) that were actually cited in the text. Some publications may forgo a bibliography in favour of a ‘further reading’ or ‘recommended reading’ list as advised by the TII Editor(s)/Project Archaeologist.

The Harvard style (see following example) should be preferred to endnotes or footnotes in referencing. References in the text should accompany the author’s name directly. Thus, ‘O’Kelly (1954, 122) observed that roasted limestone, on contact with water, turns to calcium hydroxide.’ Note the word order of the corresponding entry in the bibliography and the double spacing before and after the year of publication.


For a second reference to the same author within a single section of text—and where no other reference occurs in the intervening passage of text—use ibid. (Latin ibidem: ‘in the same place’). Thus ‘Calcium hydroxide is dangerous to ingest (ibid.)’. Avoid op. cit. (Latin, opere citato: ‘the work already cited’) as this is becoming uncommon and may not be understood by all readers. Similarly, avoid the use of cf. (Latin, conferre: ‘compare’), unless it relates to palaeobotany (as in cf. Hordeum aestivum).

It is the author’s responsibility to check that any information or opinion quoted from another source is accompanied by an accurate citation in the text and a full corresponding entry in the bibliography.

Please check all references thoroughly before submitting finished work, in the text and bibliography, and ensure that all details are complete, including page and volume numbers and place of publication.

In general, bibliographic listings for books, periodicals and unpublished material should conform to the following examples. Titles of books and periodicals should appear in italics. Titles of periodicals should be given in full, not abbreviated. Note the use of an en dash in page ranges (e.g. 1–3, 11–19) and elided page ranges (e.g. 20–3, 55–6, 121–3 and 1078–85).


Colgan, E 2003 For Want of Good Money: the story of Ireland’s coinage. Wordwell, Bray.


Titles of standard sources of historical material or standard reference works may be abbreviated in the text. Thus AU II, 397 and not Hennessy & MacCarthy 1893, 397.

A list of these standard abbreviations should be given with full bibliographic detail, preceding the bibliography proper, as in the following example.


Information sourced on the Internet requires a full bibliographic entry in the style of the following example.


Unpublished sources should be identified by the full archive number and relevant repository:


Maps should also be identified by a full title in the list of references:

OS 1837 Ordnance Survey of County Sligo, first edition (surveyed 1836), Sheet 28, scale 1:10,560.
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Preferences vary widely in capitalising archaeological periods. Period names in TII publications are given as follows: Early and Late Mesolithic, Early, Middle and Late Neolithic, Early, Middle and Late Bronze Age, Early and Late Iron Age, Early Christian, early medieval, Middle Ages, late medieval, post-medieval, early modern and modern. At the first mention of any particular period please provide your preferred date range in parentheses for the benefit of the general reader; for example ‘During the Middle Neolithic period (3500–2800 BC)’.

Titles of persons and offices should be given with an initial capital, as the Earl of Thomond or the Chairman of Cork City Council (not the earl of Thomond or chairman of Cork City Council).

It is not usual to give academic titles in title credits or within the text (thus ‘John Smith, pers. comm.’ and not ‘Dr John Smith, pers. comm.’).

If in doubt, placenames should follow the versions listed in the official website www.logainm.ie. In the absence of an authorised version in that source, a current edition of the relevant OSI maps would be an appropriate authority. Any significant placename changes or variants should be identified and discussed, as appropriate.

COMPASS DIRECTIONS

Compass orientations should be written in full for simple orientations (‘to the north’, ‘from the south-east’) but longer compounds should be abbreviated (‘towards NNE’, ‘in a WSW direction’). And note the use of hyphens.

An en dash indicates alignment or orientation, as ‘the road lay along an east–west ridge’.

In describing extended inhumation burials it is usual to give the position of the head first as ‘west–east’ for Christian burials. (Avoid the common tautology ‘oriented west–east’.)

ABBREVIATIONS

Omit points from personal titles (these are contractions not abbreviations), thus Dr Martin, St Molaise, Mr O’Sullivan and so forth. But retain points for standard abbreviations, thus e., e.g., ed. (but note eds and edn), i.e., No. 6, pers. comm., Vol. 129, Illus. 12.
HYPHENATED TERMS

The following lists a number of commonly used terms that are hyphenated in TII publications:

- iron-working
- metal-working
- mill-house
- mill-race
- mill-wheel
- north-east

- north-west
- post-hole
- slot-trench
- south-east
- south-west
- quern-stone
- ring-ditch
- tail-race
- wheel-pit.

Note the hyphen in ‘charcoal-rich soil’ where a compound adjective is formed before the noun, but none in ‘soil that is charcoal rich’, where the compound adjective is formed after it.

ILLUSTRATIONS

In the text and captions, ‘Illus.’ (= illustration) should be preferred to ‘Fig.’ or ‘Pl.’ (= figure and plate) for simplicity and because some items can be hard to categorise (e.g. a colour reproduction of a 16th-century map may be considered both a figure and a plate).

Any illustrated typescript that is submitted must be accompanied by a separate list of captions describing the content of each image and, where appropriate, acknowledging the individual or organisation that originated it.

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A metric scale and north-point must appear in every map or site plan and, where necessary, a key (e.g. a colour key in a figure where specific features are colour coded). The scale bar should be numbered but not labelled with a written scale (i.e. ‘0  3 m’ but not ‘Scale 1:300’), because the illustration may not be published at the illustrator’s intended
scale, whereas a scale bar, reduced or increased, will always remain true to the accompanying drawing.

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Original digital files should be submitted in a transferable file format in CMYK colour mode, preferably as uncompressed *.tif files for photographs and scans (as this is the best format for maintaining quality) and as *.eps files for line drawings.

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It is important that all elements of original artwork—and especially text (e.g. labels, feature numbers or place-names)—should be of a sufficient quality and size to remain clear and legible after reduction for publication.

Digital images files should be named with self-explanatory names in a coherent scheme—e.g. ‘1.1 Location map.jpg’ (= Illus. 1 of Chapter 1) and not ‘CNV876D14.jpg’.

Instructions for the typesetter (e.g. regarding sizing or positioning) should be presented in a separate table that includes the captions and filenames of corresponding illustrations.
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