**GUIDANCE FOR ECC AUTHORS 2018**

This document provides details of the English Ceramic Circle’s publication policy, together with guidance to be followed by authors who wish to submit papers or other material for publication.

**ECC Publication Policy**

The English Ceramic Circle (ECC) is a registered charity whose objectives are:

* To advance public knowledge and appreciation of ceramics and enamels of the British Isles
* To promote research and study of all matters relating to ceramics and enamels of the British Isles and to disseminate the useful knowledge gained for the public benefit

To fulfil these objectives the ECC holds meetings and seminars, and publishes information in various forms. Publications include the *English Ceramic Circle Transactions*, published annually in printed form, special publications printed on an *ad hoc* basis, and information published on the website, www.englishceramiccircle.org.uk.

ECC members who pay an annual subscription will receive a copy of *Transactions* and some special publications included in the cost of their subscriptions. Others are made available to purchase. Members of the public may purchase copies of *Transactions* and special publications, and have free access to materials published on the website.

Set out below is the publication policy relating to *Transactions* and web publishing, both of which rely on contributions from members and in some cases non-members. *Ad hoc* publications do not have set publishing criteria, although they may draw from the policies set out in this document.

In publishing material the ECC is acting as an outlet for the authors to disseminate information to members and to the public. As with most areas of academic study ceramics is one in which differences of opinion, sometimes significant, will arise from time to time. The ECC cannot guarantee or accept an obligation to give equal weight to opposing views. Furthermore, whilst the ECC welcomes the examination of controversial topics in ceramics, it will not publish material that may tend to personalise academic differences.

In order to protect the ECC from legal action, *inter* *alia* for copyright infringement, a condition of publishing any material is that the author holds the ECC harmless from the consequences of any such proceedings against it. Where articles previously published by a third party are reproduced the ECC will normally ask the author to obtain written clearance from the previous publisher before accepting the material. The form which all authors will be required to sign is provided in Appendix A. Authors are also responsible for ensuring that they have permission from the copyright holder for all images submitted for publication that are not their own.

**Publication Policy for *Transactions***

*ECC Transactions*, a journal published annually, is intended as the prime record for new research carried out by members and presented to the ECC at one of its meetings. Papers may also on occasion be accepted from non-members, although the authors of those papers will be encouraged to join. Papers published in *Transactions* are subject to the following criteria and procedures:

1. Papers should include significant content that provides new information or insights into a topic
2. Papers will inevitably draw on the previous body of ceramic knowledge and so may contain information that has previously been published. However the paper or the major part of its contents should not have been presented to another audience or published by the author previously, neither should it be published in written form by the author in any other medium before the relevant issue of *Transactions* containing the paper is published
3. Members wishing to present a paper should submit a 100-word summary to the Meetings Organiser. Following review, the ECC may accept the paper and will programme a date for it to be presented at a meeting
4. Papers included in *Transactions* should normally be presented in person by the author at an ECC meeting, although at the discretion of the Committee papers may be accepted without this stipulation. Members who have completed written papers that meet the ECC’s criteria for publication in *Transactions*, but are unable to present the paper at a meeting, may either seek an alternative speaker to present their paper or may submit the paper for possible publication in *Transactions* or on the website. If the paper has not been presented at a meeting the ECC will consider publication in *Transactions* at a convenient time or at their discretion propose web publication as an alternative
5. In order to avoid unnecessary delays to the publication of the relevant *Transactions* authors who present papers at a meeting should submit the full text of the written paper within two months of their presentation; the ECC reserves the right to defer or cancel publication of any paper not so received
6. Once a paper has been submitted to the ECC the Editors will submit it for peer review; this may result in suggestions to the author concerning further data, additions, or amendments that might add to the quality or accuracy of the piece. In the unlikely event that any changes cannot be agreed between the author and the Editors, the ECC reserves the right not to publish the paper
7. Some of the short papers presented at ECC meetings either do not merit (or the author would prefer not to produce) a full paper in *Transactions*. The ECC may suggest publication of material on the website in these instances. Some longer papers may not lend themselves to full verbal presentation, so in these cases they may be published in *Transactions* when only a summary of the research has been presented at a meeting.

***Transactions* Style Sheet**

This note sets out the preferred formats for receipt of papers submitted to the Editors for publication in *Transactions*. Studying a previous edition of *Transactions* will greatly assist an ECC author in the preparation of their paper. The Guide used by the Editors for all style matters is the *Oxford Style Manual*, published in 2003.

1. The submission of text and photographs in electronic format is preferred. Digital submissions should be sent via email (maximum file size of the attachment is 10 MB per email) or via upload to a cloud-based system such as Dropbox. If you have difficulty submitting material by these means, the Editors will be pleased to give advice on alternative methods.
2. All notes and references should be in the form of endnotes rather than footnotes. Note numbers should be inserted in the text in superscript, after punctuation points (*e.g*. .......George II.34 ), preferably using the automatic note-numbering of the word-processing program.
3. References in endnotes are given in the following form: surname, date of publication, page number(s), fig./pl. nos, for example: Britton 1987, pp. 33–5. Each successive reference should be in this format, even if referring to the same publication; *ibid*. and *op. cit.* are no longer used, to avoid over-complication.
4. *Transactions* of the ECC should be referred to in footnotes as, for example: *ECC* *Transactions* 19, Pt. 3, pp. 12–14.
5. A separate bibliography is to be provided for inclusion at the end of the article, using the following formats:

BOOKS Author’s Surname, Initial(s) (date), *Book Title* (in italics, main words capitalized) (where published: name of publisher).

Example: Britton, F. (1987), *London Delftware* (London: Jonathan Horne).

JOURNAL/MAGAZINE/NEWSPAPER Author’s Surname, Initial(s) (date), ‘Article title’ (main words not capitalized, within single quotes), *Name of Journal/Magazine* (in full, in italics), Volume Number/Part Number, page number(s).

Example: Pryor, S. & Blockley, K. (1978), ‘A 17th-century kiln site at Woolwich’, *Post-Medieval Archaeology* 12, pp. 3–85.

There are many other possible sources (*e.g*. edited volumes, theses). For these use the Journal format above and the Editor will put the endnote into the correct *Oxford Style Manual* format.

1. Illustrations:
   * The number of illustrations is not generally limited, but should be in keeping with the length of the paper; we will endeavour to use all pictures submitted
   * Number the photographs/illustrations sequentially; when provided electronically, use the attachment filename to state clearly the Illustration Number
   * Digital images should be as sharp as possible, at 300 dpi resolution or higher.
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3. The captions will normally be published underneath the relevant illustration. The images will be inserted where indicated by the author (by an image reference number) or at the next most convenient point in the text to ensure good layout. The illustration number should appear in bold within brackets *e.g*. ....picture of George II. **(8)**
4. It is desirable not to have more than one set of alterations made by an author to the printed proof as this may incur extra printing charges, so please try to avoid them if possible.
5. In the event of any query please contact the Editors.

**ECC Website publishing criteria**

The ECC will accept material for publication on its website, both from ECC members and non-members. All material will be edited by the ECC and the timing and duration of its publication will be at the discretion of the ECC to allow for the appropriate management of the website and web resources. Material published on the website, including images etc., may take the following form:

1. News of ceramic events, exhibitions, or seminars
2. News of new ceramic publications
3. Contact details, introductory pages, or links to other ceramic societies and organisations (provided that where these organisations also have websites they will reciprocate)
4. Summaries or abstracts of research material published elsewhere
5. Full articles on appropriate topics that have previously been published elsewhere
6. New articles or papers considered to be of interest, but which do not meet the criteria for publication in *Transactions*
7. In exceptional cases (*e.g*. the wish of an author to ensure these are published quickly) summary papers detailing new discoveries may be accepted for web publication even though they meet the criteria for *Transactions*. Generally the author will be asked to present a full paper to the ECC at an early date thereafter, and any summary papers will also be subject to ECC’s peer review process
8. All material published must meet ECC’s general criteria set out above.

**APPENDIX A**

**English Ceramic Circle – Copyright Disclaimer Form**

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