

Submitting an article for publication in the Gobannium Gazette – some FAQs

What should my article be about?

We welcome articles describing your investigations into anything that comes under the heading of 'Abergavenny Local History' and 'Local' can be interpreted quite generously! The main criterium is that it should be about something that you found interesting. If you are unsure, then send us an outline of your proposed article for our comments.

What writing style should I use?

We aim for clarity of meaning and a natural narrative flow. Your readers will be the members of Abergavenny Local History Society who are a mixed bunch, loosely connected by an interest in history – just like you. Write in a style that you would be happy to read. If you are writing about a subject that enthuses you, do let this show in your article. Avoid a formal academic style unless that is what comes naturally to you.

How many words should the article be?

We do not have a fixed maximum or minimum number of words in mind. It is more important that your article has the right number of words for the subject - nobody wants to read a lot of superfluous words. If your article looks as though it could end up at well over 5000 words, then it would be sensible to check whether it might be more appropriately offered to a more academic journal, and we can help with that if you wish.

What about notes and references?

We will want to know where you found your information, so put your references into the notes unless the information fits naturally into the article. We don't have a fixed reference system, use whatever is clearest for the reader. If background information interrupts the narrative flow, put it into a note. Try not to use too many notes or your readers will not bother to read them. We prefer endnotes to footnotes.

Should I have images in my article?

Pictures make your words and ideas easier to understand. If you do not hold the copyright yourself, ensure that any image you use is copyright-free or that you have gained written permission from the copyright holder to use the image. We cannot use an image without permission.

How do I submit my article?

Your article should be written in Word or in a format that can be easily opened in Word and converted to a .docx file. When you have completed your article and checked it, ask a trusted friend to read it through and point out any parts that are unclear or repetitive. Do a final check for mistakes and places where autocorrect has made unwanted changes (a common problem when you are quoting from historical documents) then send your article to us at alhsresearch@email.com. It will be read by the editorial team, and you may be asked to make some changes before the final article is accepted for publication in the next edition of the journal.