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## INTRODUCTION

This latest issue of one of the Society’s two principal publications in print marks ten years of publishing this Journal, now firmly established as an annual publication and permanent place of record, especially as since 2011 it has incorporated the valuable On The Ground section, previously published separately.

Its seven issues between 2004 and 2010 together with seven issues of Milestones & Waymarkers since 2004 represents a significant archive, especially when taken together with the Society’s six-monthly Newsletter, which by the turn of 2014/15 will have published 28 issues since the very early days of the Society in 2001.

Much has changed over that period, not least the growing use of the website to share new information and increasingly to record activities. The Editorial Panel endeavours to encourage all these forms of publication and is always looking for good-quality reports and articles as well as short write-ups, and appeals again for contributions. A good flow of material has been very welcome in recent years, which we hope will encourage others to join in. Support and advice is all part of the offer!

Looking back it is interesting how wide a range of material has appeared in these pages, testament to the Society’s own growing confidence and interpretation of waymarkers in all their forms, as well as its core commitment to the physical evidence of the turnpike age. Articles in this issue reflect that, such as the research study at Alderley Edge and the Roehampton stone, a significant survivor.

More is always welcome, such as studies of individual routes, short as well as long (the A34 is currently a topic in focus), good old-fashioned accounts of runs of milestones and posts, especially where there is current preservation activity, and analyses of the success or otherwise of individual routes (perhaps local to you) as part of the highways network. Feedback on what has gone before is always welcome too, an indicator of a healthy dialogue.

*JVN & DV*

Cover Picture: This milestone, located in Victoria Park, Widnes, Lancs was damaged by a bomb dropped from Zeppelin L61 on 12 April 1916. 2014 commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of The Great War and there are a number of waymarkers showing various ways of memorialising the war. Pages 37-38 in this issue show three examples.

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