



Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association

Welsh Language Statement

Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association accepts the principle that the English and Welsh languages are treated on the basis of equality. Under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 the Welsh language has official status and should be treated no less favourably than the English language. In response to this, we aim, within our capabilities, to encourage the use of the Welsh language whenever it is practical and appropriate to do so.

The Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association was founded in 1847 and was originally known as the Caerleon and Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association. The Association has continued into the twenty-first century and has a strong membership and an important role in fostering the county's archaeological and historical heritage. Traditionally, its business and corporate identity has been conducted in the English language, as was appropriate for an academic association and journal at the time.

A change by the Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association to a bilingual policy in regard to its academic publications and for business transactions cannot currently be justified financially or practically without a proposal, financial support and majority decision from the membership.

New policies and initiatives

The Trustees of the Association will be made aware of the requirements of this Welsh Language Statement and any responsibilities in this respect placed on the organisation by external actors. The Trustees will be responsible for ensuring that the Association's activities uphold the commitments made in this Statement and will review the Statement regularly to ascertain that it is fit for purpose.

Publicity material

Some publicity materials are available in both Welsh and English. We will continue to produce fliers in both languages. We endeavour to produce posters for events in both languages when relevant.

Meetings

Meetings will be conducted through the medium of English; however, meeting hosts and speakers will be encouraged to offer greetings in both languages if possible. We will encourage Welsh speaking Trustees and members to make the most of their language skills on such occasions. Welsh speaking trustees will be encouraged to identify themselves with an appropriate badge. It may be appropriate on occasion to offer a lecture in the medium of Welsh.

Written communication

The Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association welcomes written correspondence, including emails, in English and Welsh. It will endeavour to answer correspondence received in the language in which the correspondence is initiated. There may be a delay while a response in the appropriate language is prepared.

The Journal *The Monmouthshire Antiquary*

The Journal of the Association will continue to be published in English, however this does not preclude the editors commissioning and publishing work in the Welsh language as they deem appropriate.