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## 2022-3 NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

The new arrangement with the production team of myself as overall Editor, Eilidh Scammell as Layout editor and Jake King as Assistant Editor has bedded in well with issue no. 54 for Spring 2023. Both the Editor and Layout Editor are now using Affinity Publisher, thus avoiding the software compatibility problems which contributed to the late issue of no. 53 for Autumn 2022.

Early in the process of compiling the Spring 2023 edition we addressed the problem that the default two-column format, that had served well since the very first SPNS Newsletters, was resulting in messy layouts, with the need to reconcile increasing use of tables, maps and other illustrative material, which would just not have been available in the early years of SPNS, with the default two-column layout. With the approval of other committee members we therefore changed to a default single-column layout, which allows tables, maps and detailed photographs to fit more into pages. There have been a few favourable comments, and none unfavourable so far.

As ever we shall be very grateful to contributors to the May conference at Berwick for articles based on their talks, to be included in the Autumn 2023 issue, no. 55. As always, the earlier the better, and it would be very helpful to have everything ready for inclusion in the issue by mid-August.

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Bill Patterson (SPNS Newsletter Editor) 4 May 2023