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Editorial

This volume provides a variety of reports, some of which have been waiting to be published for several years. Three articles on excavations at Speke Hall during the last ten years show how the detailed development of the Hall is gradually being discovered, adding to the documentary work published in previous volumes of this journal. The Council of the Society is grateful to English Heritage and to the North West Archaeological Trust for financial help with this volume. Many thanks also to all those who contributed to the volume and helped with the production, especially Jenny Woodcock, Jen Lewis and Rob Philpott.

One of the finds from David Higgin's excavations at Speke Hall, illustrated on page 72, Figure 10.67, was the inspiration for our new logo.

An appendix which was omitted from an article in Volume 6 of the Journal by A. D'Arcy ("Considerations relevant to the dating of the Ireland Chapel at Lydiate") is included as the last page of this volume (see page 109).

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