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**Abbreviations**

The abbreviations of titles of periodicals or serial publications used in *Transactions* follow the principles set down in British Standard 4148 (1970). In addition, the following abbreviations are regularly used in *Transactions*:

- **APS** Archaeological Project Services
- **BAR** British Archaeological Reports (British and International series)
- **BL** British Library
- **BUFAU** Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit
- **CBA** Council for British Archaeology
- **HBMC** Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission (English Heritage)
- **JSAC** John Samuels Archaeological Consultants
- **LCMS** Leicester City Museums Service
- **LMARS** Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service
- **MF** Melton Fieldworkers
- **NA** Northamptonshire Archaeology
- **RCHME** Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England
- **PRO** Public Record Office
- **RCM** Rutland County Museum
- **ROLLR** Record Office for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
- **TLAS** *Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society* (1921/2–54)
- **TLAAS** *Transactions of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archaeological Society* (1866–1912/13)
- **TLAHS** *Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society* (1955–)
- **TNA** The National Archive
- **ULAS** University of Leicester Archaeological Services
- **VCH** *Victoria County History*
- **WRO** Warwickshire Record Office
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