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In 2024, issues 167–170 of The Bulletin were uploaded to the BHS website on the first day of each quarter and the hardcopy versions posted to subscribers within the following four weeks. For the year there were 105 manuscripts submitted of which 57 were published giving an overall acceptance rate of 54%, down from 60% in 2023 but still within the typical acceptance range of 50–60% for The Bulletin. There were 9 fewer manuscript published in 2024 than 2023 and given that The Bulletin page count is fixed at 48 pages, this indicates a modest rise in the length of articles (from 3.0 to 3.4 pages).

Table 1. Submission and acceptance rates for Bulletin issues published in 2024 (2023)

	No. submitted	No. accepted	% accepted
Full Papers	16 (15)	10 (11)	63 (73%)
Short Notes	9 (13)	6 (6)	67 (46%)
Short Communications & Natural History Notes	80 (82)	41 (49)	51 (60%)
Totals	105 (110)	57 (66)	54 (60%)

The time from acceptance to the publication of a manuscript is now typically 4 to 6 months. Of the published articles, only 5% were illustrated with an accompanying video, this is down from 11% in 2023. Authors are encouraged to submit accompanying videos as these are posted on the BHS YouTube site and hyperlinked to their articles. A further advantage of this is that such articles are open access from the time of release, as are all articles published by BHS members, rather than being subscriber-only for one year. One year after publication all remaining articles in The Bulletin are fully open access.

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