



The Romany Routes Contributor's Guide

Romany Routes is the quarterly journal of the Romany and Traveller Family History Society (RTFHS). It's all about you and your family history interests. So we want to include as many contributions from as many different members as possible. To get you thinking, here are a few ideas:

- Share the stories your older relatives told you about everyday life and customs or what they did for a living.
- Send us your favourite old family photos with a little about the people in them.
- What did your family do in World War 1? Did they serve in the armed services or on the home front? Let us have their stories.
- Tell us about a useful new family history source you've discovered or a book you've read, a website you've used or a useful research tip that helped you break through some brick walls.
- Ask a question about the people you're researching or any unknown faces in your family photos.

Remember, whatever you have to write about, other RTFHS members will love to read about your family and your research and will be pleased to help if they can.

To make it as easy as possible for you, here are some guidelines to help:

Just type, don't format

You can write your articles using any word processing system you like on your computer, tablet or mobile phone and send them to us attached to an email or in the body of an email. There's no need to format the words in any way. Just type them using any typeface and type size and we'll do the rest.

Got photos to go with your article?

It's best to send them to us separately as email attachments, rather than embedding them in the text in your article, as we may need to move them around to fit a *Romany Routes* page.

Getting the best photo quality?

If you're scanning your photos, help us get the best results on the printed page by using a scanner setting of at least 300dpi.

Prefer to send things by post?

That's fine too. We can type up your words from your handwritten drafts or typescripts and scan your pictures too. But please don't send us any precious original photographs or documents: only photographic copies or photocopies of them.

The right length?

Romany Routes readers tell us they enjoy a mix of articles, short and long. So we welcome items of all lengths: from just a few sentences to ones that run to a number of pages.

To give you an idea, an average page of text in *Romany Routes* is about 300 words. That's about one page of A4 paper with the words in 12pt type with single line spacing. If your article is more than 1500 words, we might need to break it in two and publish it in consecutive editions.

Where to send your contributions

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