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Abbreviations

- AD Anno Domini (see also CE)
- AJ *Archaeological Journal*
- ANS *Anglo-Norman Studies*
- AntJ *The Antiquaries Journal*
- ASC *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, gen. ed., Dumville and Keynes; trans. Swanton
- ASE *Anglo-Saxon England*
- ASPR Anglo-Saxon Poetic Records
- ASSAH *Anglo-Saxon Studies in Archaeology and History*
- BAR British Archaeological Reports
- BL British Library
- BNJ *British Numismatic Journal*
- CCHAG Corpus Christianorum: Hagiographies
- CE Common Era (see also AD)
- CR Coin Register (annually in *BNJ*; see General Bibliography)
- DN Diplomatarium Norvegicum
- EETS The Early English Text Society
- EHD 1 *English Historical Documents*, ed. Whitelock
- EHD 2 *English Historical Documents*, ed. Douglas and Greenaway
- EHR *English Historical Review*
- EMC Corpus of Early Medieval Coin Finds (www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/coins/emc)
- EME *Early Medieval Europe*
- HSJ *Haskins Society Journal*
- ÍF Íslenzk Fornrit
- KB Det Kongelige Bibliothek (Copenhagen)
- KLNM *Kulturhistorisk leksikon for nordisk middelalder (og vikingetid)*
- LArch *London Archaeologist*
- MGH Monumenta Germaniae Historica
- MoLAM Museum of London Archaeology Monographs
- MoM *Maal og minne*
- MS *Mediaeval Scandinavia*
- N&Q *Notes & Queries*
- NMS *Nottingham Medieval Studies*
- NOWELE *North-Western European Language Evolution*
- PAS Portable Antiquities Scheme
- PBA *Proceedings of the British Academy*
- SRG *Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi*
- SS *Scandinavian Studies*
- TLAMAS *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society*
- TRHS *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*
- vv. verse(s)
- VMS *Viking and Medieval Scandinavia*