

Some important things to remember

- Nothing that any volunteer transcriber does for us is ‘final’, so don’t worry! Every single transcription is reviewed and edited by a member of the project team, so please don’t feel as though you’re doing this ‘on your own’, as it were – this is a collaborative effort!
- Transcription is difficult at the best of times, and Davy’s handwriting can be especially difficult. All we’d like is for you to give it your best try! We know that many of you will be coming to Davy’s handwriting for the first time, and reading it gets easier as one becomes more familiar with it.
- We have a project **Field Guide** (available to view on Zooniverse; I’ve also sent a separate PDF version), which lists idiosyncratic features of Davy’s texts that you’ll encounter as you work through the notebooks. If you encounter something during the transcription process that seems a little unusual, there may well be an entry for it in the Field Guide.
- You can’t ‘break’ the project in any way by experimenting – it’s very robust. Don’t feel wary of exploring and clicking things to see what happens! Sometimes that’s one of the best ways of learning.
- Finally, we want you to enjoy transcribing the notebooks. If you decide that this just isn’t for you, then that’s absolutely fine, of course. We’ve tried to make the transcription task as straightforward as we possibly can, but there’s no denying that there’s still a fair level of complexity involved.
- The project team are always on hand if you’re encountering difficulty or have any questions. You can post a thread to our public **Talk** boards, or you can write to us directly. The **Talk** button is in the top right:

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If you require an especially quick response, please write directly to me. My e-mail address is:

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Thanks again for expressing an interest in the Davy Notebooks Project, and let's see how we all get on with transcribing Davy's notebooks. Happy transcribing!

Andrew Lacey

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