

Giving individual members the opportunity to obtain discounts and other benefits from philatelic businesses.

Providing financial support to the Stamp Active Network (previously known as the National Youth Stamp Committee).

### **Administration**

The ABPS is administered entirely by volunteer committees. This ensures only minimal overheads have to be borne such as stationery and postage, telephone and, cost of room hire, and the travel expenses of those involved with various working sub-committees.

### **Finance**

Financing the activities of the ABPS falls into three parts – routine running costs, providing 'seed-corn' funding prior to events in which it is involved, and holding sufficient funds in hand to underwrite events which may not pay their way. By and large, the aim of the ABPS is to break even on all organised events but as the number of events has increased, there is a need to build up a sufficient reserve of funds to support these activities. Our main source of funds is the capitation fee paid annually by the affiliated societies

supplemented by the generous support of individual Patrons and Friends of Philately. To maintain its activities – and to expand them as finance allows – the ABPS needs the support of all UK philatelic societies as affiliates – and individuals as Patrons and Friends of Philately. For further information about membership, please contact our Membership Secretary:

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**What the  
ABPS  
does  
for you.**

Association of British Philatelic Societies

The ABPS (Association of British Philatelic Societies) takes responsibility for the well-being of philately in the United Kingdom and the representation of United Kingdom philately in the international arena. This organisation exercises its responsibility in the manner detailed below.

### **Communication**

The ABPS provides the basis for a flexible network of communication between philatelists through the structure of Federations, Associations, Societies and Clubs, reaching all individual members. This network is consolidated through ABPS' publications - ABPS News, the Handbook, The Directory, A list of Philatelic Lecturers and Displays and other occasional advisory publications. In addition, E-Bulletins are circulated to those members who wish to receive them, generally following each meeting of the Executive.

The website – [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk) – extends the scope of ABPS' printed communications by making even more information available to individual members and the public at large. The Handbook, The Directory and the list of Philatelic Lecturers and Displays are also

available on-line in a regularly updated form. Our publications earn revenue from advertisers which helps meet the cost of production in order that we can provide these to all our affiliated organisations, and to Patrons and Friends of Philately, free of charge.

### **National Events**

The ABPS is responsible for many philatelic events. National Exhibitions and Competitions are held regularly at different locations around the UK and the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain is held yearly. Although organised locally, these events are co-ordinated, supported and underwritten financially by the ABPS. Such national and local events bring together UK collectors and dealers, and put on view the best of collections. Budgeted on a break-even basis, the ABPS underwrites any shortfall for each event.

### **International Participation**

By its very nature, philately is an international activity and the ABPS plays its part in the world-wide philatelic scene, representing UK philately in the major international organisations, encouraging UK exhibitors to take part in international

exhibitions, and providing infrastructure to enable philatelic material to be shown around the world.

The ABPS funds British membership of both the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie and the Federation of European Philatelic Associations. The costs of participating in these activities are largely borne by the exhibitors.

Traditionally, as part of its commitment to the international scene, the United Kingdom plays host to a major international event every ten years. The next event should be in 2020.

### **Other Activities**

The ABPS undertakes many other activities including:  
Running courses and seminars on judging and other philatelic matters.

Maintaining, storing and transporting a large stock of exhibition frames.

Offering small-grant aid in support of particular projects proposed by individual philatelic societies.

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