

**PHILATELIC SOCIETIES AFFILIATED TO
YORKSHIRE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION
CONTACT DETAILS – June 2016**

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Who are We and What do We Do?

We are the organisation that represents societies in the Yorkshire area in matters concerning National and International philately. We encourage the advancement of the hobby in the Yorkshire area; hold an annual Convention and Stamp Fair with dealers and an annual competition for affiliated societies; provide details of speakers from our area who are willing to give displays, and provide information about our Association and affiliated societies, future philatelic events, and much more on our website.

Can I Join the Yorkshire Philatelic Association?

Not directly, but by joining one of our affiliated societies you automatically become eligible for all the benefits offered by the Yorkshire Philatelic Association.

Why Should I Join a Society?

Have you ever wondered why societies exist? It is because by joining together in a club or society stamp collectors are able to learn far more about their stamps than they can ever hope to as a lone collector. They can meet other collectors; establish friendships which will assist them in their hobby; discover new fields of collecting and find sources to purchase stamps at lower prices than charged by dealers.

Most societies meet on a regular basis either monthly or fortnightly and will have talks and displays by fellow collectors from which can be learned aspects of collecting which non-society collectors may be completely unaware of. There will sometimes be competitions, auctions, members' evenings and visits from other societies. Some societies run stamp sales packets from which you can purchase stamps at prices generally much lower than those charged by dealers.

If you want to broaden your knowledge there is no better way than by joining a society. If you want to find out how to measure perforations or how to detect watermarks – join a society. If you want find out where your unidentified stamps come from or what '*under-prints*' or '*ship letters*' are –you definitely need to get the help of fellow collectors – so join a society!

Many societies also have a Library of philatelic books which their members can borrow free of charge.

I Prefer to Spend My Money on Stamps Rather than on a Subscription to a Society ...

Well, it's your choice, but most collectors who join a society say their subscription has actually saved them money because of the information they have gained. They now know what to look for to get bargains and they've found new and cheaper sources of supply and discovered experienced collectors with the same interests as they have who can help them understand their chosen subject better and guide them in their collecting of that subject.

But I want to Collect My Way – Not to be Told What and How I Should Collect ...

Of course. Nobody will tell you that you must collect in a certain way. There are no rules about how you should collect unless you decide you want to enter competitions, where there are rules to be followed in order to provide a basis for judging the competition.

I Don't Understand What these Different Ways of Collecting Are ...

Another good reason to join a society and learn that the hobby has an infinite number of ways of collecting. You chose your subject area according to your inclination; and the beauty of the hobby is that you can change it any time you want for something different.

The main divisions are as follows, though each division will have numerous sub-divisions:

Stamps (can be by country or a group of countries)

Postal History (the study of postal routes and charges – there are an infinite number of sub-divisions, eg; by GB county or town; foreign countries; censored mail etc)

Thematic (collecting by subject, eg; birds, flowers, space etc)

Aero-Philately (study of air mail stamps or services)

Cinderella (anything that looks like a stamp but has not served as payment for the conveyance of a letter by the government mail service, eg; local and charity stamps)

Revenues (stamps issued to collect taxes, not to prepay postal charges)

If you are still confused that's a good reason to join a society and get a more comprehensive explanation from an experienced collector.

Have you any Final Advice to Offer?

You will find on the last page of this leaflet a list of societies in the area covered by the Yorkshire Philatelic Association. Each has its own style of operating and its own traditions. But each exists to provide its members with a better understanding of the hobby of stamp collecting by bringing collectors together in the way it believes will best help them to increase their knowledge and benefit their collecting. Societies welcome visitors to their meetings and would be very pleased to have you visit any of their meetings to see what goes on and whether you think that it is worth your while joining them. We are sure that you will discover that society membership is an offer you can't refuse!

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