



# United Kingdom Six Metre Group

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Operation on 50 MHz around the world

## RSGB Spectrum Forum Meeting

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Actions and reactions</b>

### Actions taken by UKSMG since last Spectrum Forum

Mindful that the 6 metre population is growing rapidly and the possibility of forthcoming bandplan changes UKSMG took a conscious decision to further strengthen our links with the 6 metre community. To that end we attended some key rallies and, more importantly, we signed up 234 Radio Societies, Clubs and Organisations to which we now send a bi-monthly newsletter. The content of these newsletters has concentrated on giving practical information about using the band with the emphasis on good operating practice. Clubs are free to use any of the information in their own publications or web sites and propagation of the information has been satisfyingly successful.

Much time has been taken to consult with members and users, internationally, regarding proposed changes to the 6 metre bandplan, feeding back information to the VHF Manager and others. The re-arranged bandplan proposed by the Sun City (SC) conference is seen as meeting several items on our wish list namely: -

- ◆ Moving non MUF dependent modes further up the band
- ◆ Keeping some beacon allocation at the bottom of the band to aid propagation study
- ◆ Larger allocations for CW and SSB
- ◆ Attempted separation of Intercontinental and International usage to avoid accidental QRM



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Details regarding the revised SC bandplan have been posted on our web site and further discussions have taken place on our Forum. We have emailed a special edition Club Newsletter drawing attention to the changes and posted a short video explaining the new plan on You Tube.

## **Anticipated future actions**

Key to successful implementation of the revised 50MHz bandplan is coordinated beacon re-allocation and careful planning and implementation of the new synchronised beacons. UKSMG is keen to take an active part in this re-organisation.

A number of actions are planned to try to encourage users to change their operating habits and to adhere to the new bandplan.

## **Current Concerns of UKSMG**

Discussion of a PLT band is not acceptable and certainly not at 30 MHz to 80 MHz.

Clarity required regarding "Calling" frequencies and "Centres of activity"

Contest operation outside the bandplan.