



# BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

## Report To The 2016 Spectrum Forum Meeting

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### 1. 7MHz HARMONISATION.

We look forward to the harmonisation of the **7MHz** band. We appreciate that this will be a protracted process. The BARTG committee offers these comments:

- “The harmonisation of 7MHz won't happen until both Region 1 and 2 can agree the format, but it would be nice to see.”
- “Section of 7MHz particularly for RTTY, this is far too small at 10kHz bottom end ends up swamped with PSK, and top squeezed by Phone, suggest at least 20kHz allocation.”

### 2. RTTY ALLOCATION FOR CONTEST USE.

We have a prominent place in datacoms contesting (specifically, RTTY contesting) and contests are, in turn, a prominent part of our activities. The BARTG committee offers these comments:

- “As for Contest segments for RTTY, that is very difficult to control, but should be recommended at least.”
- “RTTY is a huge contest mode and the amount of stations taking part in the big events naturally cause spread so I am not sure how that can be controlled.”

### BARTG – HISTORY and ACTIVITIES

BARTG was founded in 1959 to **promote, encourage and support** the use of **datacoms within amateur radio**. Our experience of datacoms is predominantly in the HF bands.

This year we made a return to the rally scene by operating a datacoms station on the Kenwood stand at the National Hamfest. We thank Kenwood for providing the station and space on their stand.

Our main activities are:

#### [HF RTTY CONTESTS.](#)

We currently run four RTTY contests each year. Our HF RTTY contest is the oldest extant RTTY contest.

#### [AWARDS SCHEME.](#)

Quarter Century Award, PSK31 Award, Golden Jubilee award and continent awards.

#### [FOR SALE / WANTED](#) web page.

This helps to keep datacoms equipment in use and find assistance with equipment.

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