



# **BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP**

## **Report To The 2019 Spectrum Forum Meeting**

(London, 30th November)

### **What we do**

We have four main areas of activity, all relating to amateur radio datacoms. These areas are Contests, Awards, For Sale/Wanted Service and Sponsorships.

We currently runs four HF RTTY **Contests** each year. We may introduce contests using other datacoms modes if we perceive that there is a need for such contests and if they can be fitted into the busy contest calendar.

We run an **Awards scheme** for datacoms. Most of our awards are open to both licensed amateurs and listeners.

We offer a **For Sale / Wanted Service** on our web site. The main intention of this service is to keep amateur radio datacoms equipment in use and out of the tip. We do also use it to carry appeals for assistance and advice from datacoms users.

We offer sponsorships to Dxpeditions. Terms & conditions apply.

### **Our Diamond Jubilee**

BARTG was formed sometime in summer 1959. During the period of July 1st 2019 to June 30th 2020 we are celebrating our Diamond Jubilee. A diamond jubilee award is on offer at four levels – Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond – for contacts with our special event station GB60ATG. Full details of the award and the operating schedule for GB60ATG are on the BARTG web site.

### **Our history**

BARTG was founded in 1959 to promote, encourage and support the use of teleprinters within amateur radio. It evolved to encompass amateur radio datacoms in general. Its experience of datacoms is predominantly in the HF bands.

For much of its existence BARTG was a '*subs and magazine*' organisation. Members paid subs and in return received a printed magazine and were entitled to a number of benefits such as discounts on our range of components. Earlier this century the printed magazine was superseded by a web site and this change enabled us to offer membership for free.

In 2018/19 we closed our membership scheme. BARTG is now run by volunteers on a management team. This change will not affect any of BARTG's activities. Anyone who was a member can keep their BARTG number for life (as a matter of record) and are welcome to continue to display it and/or the BARTG logo on QSL cards, callsign badges and plaques, car stickers and suchlike.

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