



BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

Report to the 2020 Spectrum Forum Meeting

What we do.

We have four main areas of activity.

- (1) 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 contest calendar.
- (2) We run an **Awards scheme** for datacoms. Most of our awards are open to both licensed amateurs and listeners.
- (3) We offer a **For Sale / Wanted Web Page** on our web site. The main intention of this page is to keep amateur radio datacoms equipment in use and out of the tip. We also use it to carry appeals for assistance and advice from datacoms users.
- (4) We offer **Sponsorships** to Dxpeditions. Terms & conditions apply.

RSGB and BARTG.

In addition to BARTG's connection with the Spectrum Forum, BARTG interacts with the RSGB in some other noteworthy ways. BARTG is grateful for any '*mention*' it gets in RadCom and/or on GB2RS. BARTG also very much appreciates the substantial support of the RSGB in handling and scoring its contest entries

Change within BARTG.

Simone Wilson M0BOX stood down as **Contest Manageress** and we welcome Ian Pawson G0FCT as **Contest Manager**.

Our history.

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

We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee during 2019-2020.

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 Earlier this century the printed magazine was superseded by a web site and this change enabled us to offer membership for free.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.

If any BARTG topics arise at the meeting our representative (G4EAN) can be contacted by phone.

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