



Royal Philatelic Society London

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON

The Royal Philatelic Society London, established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London, is the oldest philatelic society in the world. We became 'Royal' when His Majesty King Edward VII granted the privilege in 1906, ten years after his son, HRH The Duke of York, became President of the Society. When the Duke became King George V in 1910 he continued to act as our Patron and in 1924 granted the Society permission to use the Royal Arms on its stationery and publications.

The Principal objects of the Society are:

1. To promote, encourage and contribute to the advancement of the science and practice of philately.
2. To inform members of the Society on all matters affecting any of its objects by meetings, discussions, displays, lectures, correspondence or otherwise; to assist and carry out philatelic research, and to print, publish and issue such papers, periodicals, books, circulars or other literary matters in support of these objects.
3. To hold, either alone or jointly with others, promote, or subscribe, or assist with international or other philatelic exhibitions in the UK or elsewhere, and to offer and award prizes, medals or other recognition in connection with such exhibitions or for any literary work connected with philately.
4. To establish and maintain a library and collections of stamps, designs, proofs, essays and other articles of interest relating to any of the objects of the Society.

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