



Stampex Announces New Sponsors for 70th Anniversary Year

The Philatelic Traders' Society (PTS) is delighted to announce **BB Stamps Ltd** and **Bill Barrell Ltd** as new co-sponsors for **Stampex 2026**, marking the event's landmark **70th anniversary year**.

Founded in 1956, Stampex has become one of the world's premier international meeting places for stamp collectors and postal history enthusiasts, dealers, auctioneers, and a wide range philatelic businesses and societies, celebrating philately in all its forms. In 2026, The PTS will organise both an in person Stampex show in London, and a Virtual Stampex event online, championing not just the exhibition's history and legacy, but also its investment in the future, honouring seven decades of innovation, education, and community within the hobby.

The addition of BB Stamps Ltd and Bill Barrell Ltd as the new sponsors of Stampex underscores the continued strength and relevance of philatelic events today. Both companies are highly respected within the trade and share Stampex's long-standing commitment to expertise, integrity, and supporting collectors at every level.

"We are thrilled to welcome BB Stamps Ltd and Bill Barrell Ltd as co-sponsors during such an important year for the Stampex brand," said Simon Carson, Chair of the PTS. "Their support not only helps us mark our 70th anniversary in style but also reflects a shared dedication to investing in the future of the hobby. Both companies are Gold PTS Members and specialise in Great Britain, presenting us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 70 years of Stampex, a British institution within philately, now having a truly global impact."

"Stampex has been part of my life in British philately for over 30 years, and seeing it reach its 70th anniversary is truly special," said Brian Bayford of BB Stamps. "It means a great deal to me to support Stampex 2026, both at the London show and through the

virtual event that brings collectors together from around the world. It's great to see so many collectors in person, reminding me why stamp collecting continues to be such a rewarding passion.”

“Sponsoring Stampex in its 70th year is a real honour for me. I love this show and consider it to be one of the best in the world,” said Bill Barrell. “As a dealer, collector, and exhibitor, I am thrilled to be able to support the show as a Headline Sponsor and help bring the philatelic community together this year while looking confidently to the future.”

Virtual Stampex takes place online from the 6th to the 8th of March. You can register today at stampex.vfairs.com

Stampex in London takes place at the Business Design Centre, Islington from the 28th to the 31st of October.

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