

5.5 CONSTITUENCIES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

5.5.1 Constituencies

- (i) Guild rules specify that there will no fewer than 15, and no more than 18 Constituencies, with their boundaries being decided and published by Council.
- (ii) Constituency boundaries are based upon the Royal Mail postcodes. As far as possible, road and rail communications and geographical convenience have taken preference over the number of members in each Constituency.

A list of the Constituency names, boundaries, and postcode areas covered is detailed on page 4.

5.5.2 Constituency Representatives

5.5.2.1 Election and Term of Office

- (i) Members resident in each Constituency are invited to elect a representative by means of a postal ballot to serve for a period of three years. No Constituency Representative may be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms of office.
- (ii) Candidates must be nominated by not fewer than two members and the nomination has to be accompanied by the written acceptance of the candidate. Candidates and their nominators must be paid-up members of the Guild at the date of nomination. Suitable forms are available from the Secretary.
- (iii) Candidates can neither represent, nor stand for, election in more than one constituency at any given time.
- (iv) If no nomination is received on behalf of a member in a particular constituency, nominations may be considered on behalf of a member residing in an adjacent Royal Mail postcode area. In the event that this does not yield a nominee Council may invite a member to represent the Constituency.
- (v) For each constituency, Council determines the dates for nomination and election, the result of the postal ballot being announced at the Annual General meeting following the election. In constituencies where only one

or no nomination has been received, members will be so informed in the Newsletter published prior to the Annual General Meeting, where this is practicable.

5.5.2.2 Duties of Constituency Representatives

5.5.2.3 Participation in Council

- (i) Attendance at Guild Council meetings wherein to bring such matters before Council as he or she believes proper on behalf of constituency members. To participate in discussion on matters placed before Council and to take part in Council decision-making in accordance with those Guild rules in force from time to time.
- (ii) It is also anticipated that he will draw Council's attention in a constructive way where he or she believes that agreed Guild policy decisions, or Guild rules are not being followed.

5.5.2.4 Participation in the Management of the Guild

- (i) Council members are eligible to serve on committees as part of their contribution to the effective running of the Guild.

5.5.2.5 Liaison between Constituency Membership and Guild

- (i) To liaise between the Guild and constituency membership through reporting to Council the known views, where appropriate, of constituency members, and to present to Council reports on constituency activities.
- (ii) In as far as is practicable and appropriate to ensure that Guild proposals, policies, and decisions are communicated to members, and any relevant feed-back passed to the Guild.

5.5.2.6 Representation of the Guild

- (i) The Constituency Representative should acknowledge that they represent the Guild in the eyes of its members, and with others in his or her area connected with the hobby. Representatives should seek for there to be Guild representation at all appropriate events within his or her area and should encourage a growing Guild membership.
- (ii) To, wherever possible, reduce the burden on the Guild by acting as its representative at those events held within his or her area which normally involve a Guild presence.

5.5.2.7 Representation of Members Interests

- (i) He or she should ensure that members' complaints or requests for information, or clarification are brought before Council or the appropriate Guild Officer and that satisfactory replies are obtained.

5.5.2.8 Constituency Budgets

- (i) Constituency Representatives are provided with an annual budget as an aid to carrying out the responsibilities outlined above. Those amounts claimed should be supported wherever possible by receipts and submitted to the responsible Guild Chairman as the expenses are incurred.

CONSTITUENCIES

TITLE	POSTAL CODES	CA
	INCLUDED	Carlisle
		DH
		Durham
		DL
		Darlington
		NE
		Newcastle
		SR
		Sunderland
		TS
		Cleveland
		LA
		Lancaster
		BT
		Belfast
1.	Scotland	3. North West
	AB Aberdeen	FY
	DG	Blackpool
	Dumfries	BB
	DD	Blackburn
	Dundee	BL
	EH	Bolton
	Edinburgh	M
	FK	Manchester
	Falkirk	OL
	TD	Oldham
	Galashiels	PR
	G	Preston
	Glasgow	SK
	IV	Stockport
	Inverness	Isle of Man
	KA	WN
	Kilmarnock	Wigan
	KY	
	Kirkaldy	
	KW	
	Kirkwall	
	ML	
	Motherwell	
	PA	
	Paisley	
	PH	
	Perth	
	ZE	
	Shetland	
2.	Northern	

TITLE POSTAL CODES

INCLUDED

4. Yorkshire

BD
Bradford
DN
Doncaster
HX
Halifax
HG
Harrogate
HD
Huddersfield
HU Hull
LS
Leeds
S
Sheffield
WK
Wakefield
YO York

5. Merseyside N&Cen

Wales &

borders
CH
Chester
CW
Crewe
L
Liverpool
LL
Llandudno
SY
Shrewsbury
TF
Telford

WA
Warrington

6. West Midlands

B
Birmingham
CV
Coventry
DY
Dudley
ST
Stoke On Trent
WR
Worcester
WS
Walsall
WV
Wolverhampton

7. East Midlands

DE
Derby
LE
Leicester
LN
Lincoln
NG
Nottingham
NN
Northampton

TITLE POSTAL CODES

INCLUDED

8. Eastern

CB
Cambridge
CM
Chelmsford

CO
Colchester
IP
Ipswich
NR
Norwich
PE
Peterborough
SG
Stevenage
SS
Southend

BR
Bromley
CT
Canterbury
DA
Dartford
ME
Medway
RH
Redhill
TN
Tonbridge

9. Thames Valley

HA
Harrow
RG
Reading
SL
Slough
TW
Twickenham
UB
Uxbridge

12. Surrey CR Croydon

GU
Guildford
KT
Kingston on Thames
SM
Sutton

TITLE POSTAL CODES

INCLUDED

10. Chilterns AL St. Albans

HP
Hemel Hempstead
LU
Luton
MK
Milton Keynes
OX
Oxford
WD
Watford

13. Southern

BH
Bournemouth
DT
Dorchester
PO
Portsmouth
SO
Southampton
SP
Salisbury

11. Kent & Sussex

BN
Brighton

14. South West

BA Bath

BS
Bristol
CF
Cardiff
GL
Gloucester
HR
Hereford
LD
Llandrindod Wells
NP
Newport
SA
Swansea
SN
Swindon

IG
Ilford
N
North
NW
North West
RM
Romford
SE
South East

15. Devon & Cornwall

EX
Exeter
PL
Plymouth
TA
Taunton
TQ
Torquay

Channel Islands
TR
Truro

16. London Central & North

Thames
E
East
EC East
Central
EN
Enfield

5.6 OVERSEAS CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE

- (i) The appointment of a UK resident Guild member on Council to represent the interests of overseas members is designed to overcome the difficulties of those members liaising with the Guild, and other UK and overseas members
- (ii) It also serves as evidence of the Guild's commitment to its overseas membership.
- (iii) A number of country Representatives have been initiated in various countries outside the UK and the Overseas Representative is expected to maintain and assist them.
- (iv) Internal news letters are being circulated in a number of countries. Publicity material, membership forms, and items of stationery have been issued to many of the local representatives as an aid to further recruitment.
- (v) The Overseas Constituency Representative is responsible for arranging methods of subscription payment by whatever form is most convenient for the area concerned.
- (vi) The Representative is normally a member of the M & GP Committee, and in addition to reporting on his activities to that committee, he also reports to the Council.