



The Postal History Society's Auction

The Postal History Society offers a postal history auction, as a service to members and the relatives of deceased members. Non-members are welcome to offer lots but must contact the Auctioneer first.

The following rules apply to these auctions:

- 1) Auctions will take place at the Society's annual conference unless otherwise specified by the Society's Council.
- 2) An Auctioneer will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to manage the auction.
- 3) The Auctioneer will have sole discretion to manage the auction and include or exclude items offered for auction.
- 4) The biddings steps are: for £1-£25 £1, for £25-£50 £2, for £50-£100 £5, and for >£100 £10.
- 5) The selling fees for members is currently 5% and non-members 10%, unless changed by Council
- 6) The buyer fee for members is currently zero and non-members 10%, unless changed by Council
- 7) The Auctioneer will maintain a list of postal bidders, sellers' materials, and invoices generated and receipts, which all be available for the Society's Treasurer on request.
- 8) Winning postal bidders will pay postage & packing (minimum £5). The exact amount will depend on value, weight and size of the package. Winning bids will not be released until full payment is received.
- 9) Payment may be made via BACS or cheque after production of an invoice. BACS is the preferred option. Buyers may pay via PayPal to paypal@postalhistory.org.uk but must pay the appropriate PayPal fee.
- 10) Unsold lots will be returned to the vendor either by direct collection at a mutually agreed venue or by 2nd class post at the Society's expense unless the vendor requests otherwise, in which case the Auctioneer will deduct the return postal charges from the vendor's sales
- 11) The Auctioneer will advise the Treasurer on amounts due to vendors, who will settle appropriately.
- 12) Regarding images of lots: These will only be displayed on the auction section of the Society's website and not in the printed catalogue.
 - a) Vendors are recommended to scan the auction items themselves and send images to the Auctioneer by email at the same time as the vendor provides the auction list. Large images may be sent by WeTransfer (recommended) or Drop Box.
 - b) Vendors not able to scan themselves but wishing to show images of their auction material can request the auctioneer to scan images for them. This is dependent on the Auctioneer having the material. The request is to be made at the time of submission. Unless specified otherwise only the front will be scanned. A charge of 50p/scan will be made payable on invoice. Front + rear or front + contents = £1.
 - c) Requests for scans of large format items such as posters, boxes of material and large lots will be respectfully declined
 - d) The Auctioneer reserves the right not to place images on the website. In such cases the Auctioneer will advise the vendor.