

BT AtLAS Social Club (BTASC)

Application for Membership

BTASC was spawned out of the old Retired Staff Section (RSS) which was officially "born" at its first General Meeting in December 1979 and arose from a suggestion that there should be a facility to enable retired ResD and other associated staff to maintain their membership of the BT Research Sports and Social Club (BTRSSC) now AtLAS. It was recognised, too, that there was merit in enabling serving staff who are approaching retirement to join RSS and also to allow membership to those who had left Adastral Park prior to retirement. Membership of RSS was originally open to BT people of over 50 years of age, who have retired or are nearing retirement and are able to satisfy the confidentiality requirements.

BTASC has opened its doors a little wider to allow anyone over the age of 50 who works/worked on Adastral Park either as a contractor or as a member of another company onsite as long as they are not working for competitors to BT. All such members would have to be agreed by the committee.

The Club has developed to provide members with a varied range of informal, social activities in which they can maintain the friendships they made in their working life. Membership is a family matter – member & partner are covered by the one membership subscription - and being realistic about retirement - the widows/widowers of some staff find an interest and friendship by continuing to support the activities of BTASC.

We now have an established pattern of activities which are generally popular: they include Lunches in the Spring, Summer and just before Christmas, an annual Garden Party in a member's garden, coach outings, access to free film nights and lectures at Adastral Park, access to Music nights at Adastral Park and early access to some coach Holidays via a friendly Travel Agent. We also publish a Newsletter, periodically which keeps us all informed of the social programme. The Newsletter is especially interesting to those who now live too far away to join in the social life as it contains articles of interest written by the members and reports on the social events.

Little of what we have achieved would have been possible without the encouragement and support of AtLAS. BTASC is a fully constituted section of AtLAS and is allowed to fix its own subscription. All of our events are designed to run on a break-even basis which allows the membership fee to be kept as low as possible.

Like all voluntary bodies, BTASC will be only as good as its members make it. New members are always welcome and indeed essential to our future. The committee looks after the membership records, the newsletter and the finances. A turn-over of representation on the committee is healthy, so please turn your hand to committee work if you feel able. If you are reading this at the time of your actual retirement, may we extend the wish of a Long and Happy Retirement - and tell you that our members have found a great deal of happiness in BTASC.

In order for BTASC to demonstrate its concern for the protection of BT's commercially sensitive information, which BTASC Members might be exposed to as a result of their access to BT premises, it is necessary for you to complete the following declaration and return it to Jackie Hunter, 22 Dobbs Lane, Kesgrave, IP5 2PX.

You will not require a membership card unless you have an ongoing need to visit Adastral Park Hub for lunch. If you require this facility please let me know and send me a SAE so that I can return your new card to you.

Membership card tick if required

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I would like to join the BTASC and am agreeable/not agreeable* to having my email address made available to other members of the section. Subscription **£2.50 for 1 years membership for member and partner.**

Please make cheque payable to BTASC.

Your Name:..... Surname:.....

Partner's Name:..... Contact Telephone No.:.....

Address:.....

e_mail address:.....

I declare that I am not employed by or associated with any organisation that might be deemed by BT to be in commercial competition with them. I further agree not to use or disclose any commercially sensitive information that I have obtained as a result of my membership of BTASC.

Signed:.....

PLEASE RETURN with cheque to: Jackie Hunter, 22 Dobbs Lane, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 2PX Membership cards will only be issued if you require access to Adastral Park for lunch. (Membership cards where requested will be issued if a SAE is included)