

ABPC and the maintenance of British pewter quality

The Association of British Pewter Craftsmen was established in 1970 to support and advance the British Pewter industry. Amongst its founding members was the Worshipful Company of Pewterers of the City of London (the Worshipful Company).

The ABPC has, by promoting high standards, raising awareness of pewter and encouraging innovation and excellence in manufacturing, achieved impressive results; and, together with the Worshipful Company, has helped to establish British pewter firmly in both domestic and worldwide markets. British pewter has a long and proud history and its pieces continue to be prized throughout the globe for their quality of manufacture, practicality and design.



Members of the ABPC are entitled to apply to use two trade marks, the ABPC logo and the Seahorse mark, the latter being a badge of quality. But the marks may not be used unless and until an intending user has entered into a User Agreement with the ABPC.



Members also receive by e-mail a regular Newsletter which contains information about the ABPC Council's activities and news relating to the trade.

The ABPC Council has been monitoring proposals in Brussels for regulation of the trade including particularly proposals for content standards. These Brussels regulations are likely to remain applicable to the UK trade even after Brexit. Recently the Council decided to upgrade its overview of pewter quality and of the use of the pewter marks. This more proactive involvement will involve calling in pieces for testing, by the Sheffield Assay Office, of the pewter alloy used; and the creation of a catalogue of all pieces using the Seahorse mark.

Anyone with any queries should contact the ABPC Secretary at: [ABPC](#)

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