

THE OFFICIAL POSTCARDS OF THE MIDLAND RAILWAY

A NEW ON-LINE PUBLICATION FROM THE MIDLAND RAILWAY STUDY CENTRE

This 40 page, well illustrated, work traces the general history of the postcard and moves on to follow the evolution of Midland official cards from 1896 through to the grouping. It deals in detail with the early map cards, the very attractive sets of cards featuring views in Midland territory, cards promoting the company's new steamer services from Heysham and those featuring the company's hotels. A section is dedicated to the tricky subject of overprints on card backs to make them suitable for correspondence from the various departments of the Midland Railway.

The publication is the work of Midland Railway Society members Roy Burrows, David Geldard and Mervyn Bryce and has been structured around the checklists of Midland and Northern Counties Committee cards produced by John Alsop, the accepted authority on railway postcards. With John's permission it gives those checklists in full and also includes his previously unpublished checklist of Midland Railway Official Overprints.

To further its educational objective the Society has decided that the work should be made available free of charge as a PDF downloadable from the Midland Railway Study Centre website. To view the publication, or to download your own copy, visit the Study Centre website at:

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The document also contains instructions as to how the extensive collection of Midland Railway official postcards held in the Study Centre can be accessed, both physically and on-line.