

# The Shelley Group

This display has been conceived, supplied, and curated by members of The Shelley Group.

Formed in 1986 by a small group of enthusiastic collectors of Wileman and Shelley ceramics, The Shelley Group is open to collectors, academics, institutions and enthusiasts worldwide.

In 2003, the Group became a registered charity, number 1097547, widening its scope to include additional educational aims. One ongoing project is the annual bursary awarded to assist students of Staffordshire University undertaking a Master of Arts ceramic design course.

Members of The Shelley Group engage in extensive research into the history and products of the pottery and this information is disseminated through a quarterly magazine, published books, the Group's website and a three day annual conference.

The Shelley Group has close contact with its sister societies in America, Australia and New Zealand which aids the exchange of knowledge and ideas. Information is then made freely available to the wider public.

A major undertaking has been the funding of extensive conservation work on both the Wileman and Shelley pattern books which are available for public viewing at the Stoke on Trent City Archives, City Central Library, Bethesda Street. This work was made possible thanks to monies raised from the sale of the Burrige Collection and donations from the American and Australian Societies.

Information about The Shelley Group can be obtained from the website [www.shelley.co.uk](http://www.shelley.co.uk) or by writing to Membership Secretary, Kingsleigh, 4 Ashlyn's Road, Frinton on Sea, Essex. CO13 9ED

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