

Notes for Membership Applicants



Members pay a membership fee of £70 per year, or £17.50 per quarter, by Standing Order; plus £3 daily attendance fee. The cost of refreshments, Tea or Coffee, is included in this fee.

Membership Fee

We much prefer the membership fee to be paid by quarterly standing order from your bank because that makes it easy for us – no running around with cheques. Your renewal date is the first of the month nearest to the date of approval of your application. Your first payment will be on a date about 3 weeks ahead of the date of approval of your application, to give time for the standing order to reach the bank and be processed by it. Don't worry about these dates – the membership secretary will fill them in.

Standing orders are very safe. They can only be paid as ordered by you, and if you want to stop payments you just tell your bank. If you leave the shed and forget to cancel the standing order our treasurer should notice and refund the money to you. Banks do not charge for standing orders, but you do need to ensure that you have enough money in your account to cover the standing order when it is due, because your bank can refuse to make the payment and charge you up to £25, or they may pay it and then charge you for the overdraft that has resulted.

The Daily Attendance Fee

The daily attendance fee is **paid in cash** at lunchtime.

Concessions

Concessions are available for people receiving means-tested state benefits and other people in need. If you tick the concessions box on the Membership Application Form a member of the committee will arrange a meeting with you to determine what reduction we can give you. Please bring evidence of your circumstances to the meeting. If you are on a means-tested state benefit please bring evidence of that. The content of that discussion will be kept confidential to the committee.