



Cornwall Bird Watching & Preservation Society

TERMS and CONDITIONS of MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

1. Classes of membership shall be as follows:

- Adult Members – any person over the age of 18 years;
- Family Members – includes any person in a family or similar grouping;
- Senior Citizens – any person over the age of 60 years;
- Senior Family – includes any person in a family or similar grouping provided that there is at least one member over the age of 60 years;
- Group or Corporate Member – any school, association, firm or corporation.

The Trustees shall in their absolute discretion be entitled to add, amend or withdraw categories of membership.

2. Admission to membership shall be by application in writing or by email to the Membership Secretary together with the appropriate membership subscription.

3. Subscription rates shall be determined from time to time by the Trustees and shall be payable on 1st January in each year. New members joining after 1st October during the calendar year shall be entitled to membership for the following year without further payment of subscription but shall not be entitled to the 'Birds in Cornwall' report for the year in which they became a member. Rates may differ between different classes of member and discounts may in particular circumstances be offered at the discretion of the Trustees.

4. A member whose subscription is 3 months in arrears, shall after being reminded, cease to receive the Society's publications, and when six months in arrears shall cease to be a member.

5. The Register of Members shall be maintained at the address of the Membership Secretary. The Register shall be the definitive record of the membership from time to time. Members shall by notification to the Membership Secretary promptly inform the Society of any change of address and of any email address used by the member.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

6. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, members shall be entitled to such benefits as the Trustees shall decide. As at the date of these Terms and Conditions these benefits include an annual 'Birds in Cornwall' report, newsletters, access to the members section of the Society's website, access to the Society's reserves and hides, and field trips and meetings. The Trustees reserve the right to close a reserve to members in the event that certain activities take place, such as group visits or the carrying out of necessary work. Access to some locked hides may require a key for which a charge may be made.

7. Members shall be entitled to notice of the Society's AGM and to attend at such place as the Trustees shall decide.
8. Any member shall have the right to inspect the accounting records of the Society if the member can show good cause, upon giving reasonable notice to the Treasurer

GENERAL

9. Members are expected to comply with the 'Birdwatcher's Code of Conduct', 'Bird Photography – a new Code of Practice' and the provisions of the 'Countryside Code', and any directions which it may be necessary to make in the operation of its reserves, and failure to do so may be taken into account in deciding whether a membership should be terminated or renewed.
10. No member shall represent the policy of the Society on any issue without the prior written consent of the Trustees. Members approached by the media should refer such enquiries to the Publicity Officer of the Society or, in his/her absence, the Chairman of the Trustees, and no event on behalf, or in the name, of the Society shall take place without the prior written consent of the Trustees.
11. Any notice to or communication with the Society shall be deemed to have been given if addressed to the registered office of the Society.
12. These Terms and Conditions, which shall be binding on all members, may be amended at any time by the Trustees.
13. Membership of the society is upon the terms set out in the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association for the time being in force.

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9th October 2012