

Membership

This is a reminder that annual subscriptions are due on 1 January.

This is also a plea to all those who have not done so to set up a standing order and to make the Gift Aid declaration.

The Society's constitution provides that membership lapses if the annual subscription has not been paid by the end of June. In the past, there has often been an extended period of grace for payment of overdue subscriptions and the benefits of membership have been continued. Sadly, we can no longer afford to send ex-members newsletter or to continue other benefits of membership.

Payment by standing order is convenient for everyone. We ask that members should set up a standing order by filling in and returning Part C of the membership form unless they are life members or have entered into a covenant that is still active. The Society will send the completed Standing Order to your bank – please don't send the form direct to your or the Society's bank.

Gift Aid – this arrangement for tax concessions for charitable giving applies to the Society. The Society can claim from the Inland Revenue 28p for each £1 of membership subscription. For this to apply, your total income tax and capital gains tax bill must at least equal the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year, and you must **complete and return the declaration in Part B** of the membership form. You need make the declaration once only, it continues in force until cancelled.

Notes on Gift Aid:

- You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the Society
- If your circumstances change and you no longer pay enough tax on your income and capital gains to cover the tax the Society reclaims, you should cancel your declaration.
- If you pay tax at the higher rate you can benefit by claiming further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return
- Please notify the Society if you change your name and/or address

In summary:

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE SOCIETY

Complete Parts A, B and C of the membership form and send to the Membership Secretary

IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

Send either, your subscriptions and/or complete Parts B and C of the membership form to the Membership Secretary

LIFE MEMBERS OR THOSE WITH UNEXPIRED COVENANTS

You need take no further action

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE THE GIFT AID DECLARATION

Complete Part B and send to the Membership Secretary