

SHERBORNE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION – MEMBERSHIP

Sherborne Museum, established in 1965, is an important facility in the town of Sherborne: it is an independent charity, relying for finance substantially on the goodwill of its members and on donations, although it does get some support from local government.

The Museum is fully accredited and maintains to formal conservation standards an expanding collection of artifacts of all sorts, selections from which are on periodic display in the Museum. In addition it has an active outreach programme, liaises with local schools and has a range of themed handling and loans boxes. Donations and membership subscriptions are one way in which the work of the Museum is supported and are vital.

Membership confers the right to free access to the Museum and its research facilities at any time that it is open, as well as attendance at occasional talks, usually in the winter months, and a newsletter published twice a year. It also includes the right to attend and vote at Annual or other General Meetings. The Museum is governed by a Council of Trustees elected by the members. (Constitution available on request.)

The **minimum** subscriptions for Annual Membership are £10 per year for single adult membership and £15 per year for joint members (adults living at the same address); children and students are admitted free of charge. Subscriptions in excess of the minimum are always welcome and greatly appreciated. To reduce administrative costs, **it is now a requirement for members to pay Annual Subscriptions by Banker’s Order.**

Minimum Life Membership is equivalent to ten years’ annual subscription at either of the rates quoted above as appropriate. Subscriptions in excess of the minimum are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we encourage all members to sign a Gift Aid form if they pay sufficient UK Income and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover all their donations. If this is done, the Museum can recover tax at the rate of 25% of the amount donated at no cost to the member. If the member is a higher rate taxpayer, further benefits will accrue to the member.

The relevant forms for Banker’s Order and Gift Aid are attached to this document or are available from the Museum.

Data Protection Act. If you join the Association, your name, address and subscription details will be kept on written and computerised records which will be used solely for administrative purposes. If you object to this please say so on this form or contact the Membership Secretary.

If you would kindly agree to the receipt of Newsletters, AGM and other documents by email rather than receiving paper copies please indicate your wishes below.

If you would like to join, please complete the form below and return it to: The Membership Secretary, Sherborne Museum Association, Abbey Gate House, Church Lane, Sherborne DT9 3BP.

I/We would like to join the Sherborne Museum Association (Registered Charity 306251)

NAME(S)..... TITLE(S)

(Block Capitals please)

ADDRESS

..... POSTCODE

TELEPHONE EMAIL

TYPE OF SUBSCRIPTION SELECTED

A signed Gift Aid form is also enclosed. *(Please delete if not enclosed.)*

FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ONLY - A Bankers Order, dated to commence one month after the date of this application, is enclosed. (Please do not enclose a cheque or cash.)

FOR LIFE MEMBERS ONLY - A cheque for £ as my/our subscription for Life Membership, payable to the Sherborne Museum Association, is enclosed.

Your membership card will be sent to you as soon as possible after your subscription has been credited to the Museum’s bank account.

I agree to the receipt of AGM papers by email – YES/NO *(Please delete as appropriate.)*

I agree to the receipt of Newsletters by email – YES/NO *(Please delete as appropriate.)*

I agree to the receipt of Other Communications from the Museum by email – YES/NO *(Please delete as appropriate.)*

SIGNED DATE

