



THE KENNET & AVON CANAL TRUST

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Membership Rules

1. There shall be one class of membership.
2. Membership shall be open to individuals (individual subscription) and to two people resident at the same address (joint subscription) on payment of a defined minimum donation fee. This may be paid annually or quarterly in advance.
3. Applications for membership shall be made to The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust ('the Trust') in the form specified by the Trust. The membership form shall be available on request and published on the Trust's website.
4. The minimum membership shall be £20 per year or £5 per quarter for an individual subscription and £23 per year / £6 per quarter for a joint subscription, both paid in advance. Membership shall commence on receipt of the first payment. Thereafter membership subscription fees are not refundable.
5. In the event of an increase in the minimum subscription fee, all current memberships shall remain valid until their next scheduled renewal payment date. Thereafter any payments below the defined minimum will be regarded as a donation.
6. Members shall act in accord with the Trust's Articles of Association. Members will have the right to attend and vote at general meetings of the Trust and to receive copies of the annual accounts and annual report of the Trust.
7. Communication with members will be in electronic form unless a member has no email address or has specifically requested other forms of communication. In the case of a joint subscription, communication with one member will be regarded as communication with both.
8. Members shall be entitled to receive electronic copies of the Trust's magazine and electronic newsletters, as produced from time to time.
9. Members may choose to receive a printed copy of the Trust's magazine produced from time to time; any member without an email address notified to the Trust will be deemed to have exercised this option. Members may also claim free or reduced rate admission to the Trust's pumping station at Crofton and associated events held there as shown on the Trust website.
10. Members shall notify the Trust of any change of postal or email address, or eligibility for Gift Aid, through the Trust web site or by notifying the Trust.
11. Membership is also offered to organisations by arrangement with the Trust. In such cases one nominated member of that organisation will be regarded as the member in respect of membership rights and benefits.

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Explanatory notes - these are not part of the Rules and are intended to assist understanding and discussion of them

The minimum rate is not a standard rate. New members will be encouraged by the website and on membership forms to choose a higher level whilst leaving the option for active volunteers who already contribute to Trust fund raising activities (some of whom are not currently members) and members of limited means to pay less.

Current annual membership rates are £20 single, £23 joint.

Life membership is no longer offered. Surviving life members retain their membership and associated benefits but can be asked if they wish to make donations.

All members who have supplied email details are entitled to electronic items as set out in Rule 8. New members will be encouraged to take the cost of a printed Butty into account when setting their subscription. Current members already receive a printed Butty as part of their membership and, under Rule 9, may choose to continue to do so. Any member without an email address on file will be sent a printed copy automatically.

Council has the power to change future minimum rates and membership benefits as indicated in the Articles of Association.

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