

NCS – Subscriptions Policy

Annual Subscription

The society's year or season runs from September 1st to August 31st. The amount of the annual subscription is determined each year at the Annual General Meeting in September. The committee takes the view, based on the constitution, that returning members should pay the full annual subscription in order to take part in all or any of the Society's activities in a particular season. Although for convenience there are references to 'terms' in this document, the committee wish to stress that subscriptions are not charged on a term-by-term basis after the year in which an individual member joins the society. The arrangements for new members are detailed below.

Returning Members

Returning members should normally pay the full annual subscription in the period between the AGM in September and December 31st of that year. If they rejoin at any time after January 1st, the full annual fee will normally be payable, unless there are special circumstances (see below).

New Members

All prospective new members are welcome and encouraged to sing with us for a few weeks before deciding whether to join the society. If they decide to join, the subscription then becomes due. The following levels of subscription are due depending on the time of year at which they join:

New member starting in the autumn term	New member starting in the spring term	New member starting in the summer term
Full subscription by December 31 st	2/3 subscription by March 31 st	1/3 subscription for that term.

Students and young people.

Full-time students aged 19 and over pay 1/3 of the annual subscription.

Young people under the age of 19 may join the society free of charge. They will, however, require special arrangements to be made for them under the terms of the society's Policy on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Special circumstances

If a member's financial circumstances make it difficult to pay the whole subscription between the AGM and Dec 31st, it may be possible to arrange to pay it in two instalments. In addition, if returning members re-join part-way through the year because of lengthy illness or other serious circumstances, it may be possible to negotiate a lower fee for the year. Anyone wishing to explore these options should apply in confidence to the Assistant Treasurer (Subscriptions) – currently Diane Wheatley – who will decide on appropriate arrangements, in consultation with the Chairman if necessary.

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