

## Membership Rules

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## Types of membership

There are two types of membership:

- **Full members:** open to people residing or working within the area of benefit.
- **Associate members:** open to people not residing in the area of benefit.

Full members and Associate members must be at least 18 years of age.

Only Full members are entitled to vote at general meetings.

Both Full members and Associate members are required to pay a minimum annual fee, as determined by the Board of Trustees and published on our website. Where members feel they can pay more, they will be given the option to do so.

Individuals who have volunteered for a significant period of time and on an ongoing basis will be eligible for free Farm Friends membership.

No-one will be excluded from membership through not being able to pay the fee if they can show that to do so would cause them financial hardship.

Current (July 2016) minimum annual fees are: Adult £10, Senior Citizen £5, under 18 £5.

Full members have a maximum liability of £1 (under Article 3 of the Articles of Association) should the organisation fail with debts. Associate members have no liability.

## Area of benefit

This is defined in our Objects as "Windmill Hill and the neighbourhood thereof". For the purpose of membership, the Board of Trustees has defined the area of benefit according to the map at the following link <http://g.co/maps/9uepj>

## Board of Trustees

Full members and Associate members may be appointed as members of the Board of Trustees. A maximum of one-third of the total members of the Board may be Associate members. These membership rules were first approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 March 2015.

## Notes

'Farm Friends' membership scheme has replaced 'Farm Friends' donation scheme which was primarily a scheme to encourage donations. Members can also become regular donors.