



MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023 – 2024

As agreed at the AGM full fees will now be £195 per season. Students in full time education will pay £60 for the season. Schoolchildren (under 18) in full time education may sing free of charge. NEW members joining after the January concert pay a reduced fee of £100.

All members need to buy or hire the relevant music.

There are three payment options

1. Bank transfer is the preferred method. Account details provided on request. Our preference is for the full fee but you can make three payments of £65 on November 1st, February 1st, and April 1st
2. Cheque, payable to Durham Choral Society.
3. Cash (exact amount in an envelope labelled with the member's name)

You will receive a receipt for your payment by email as a google document (please check your spam folder)

Financial Subsidy

If you find the rise in fees difficult to manage, we want to help you to keep singing. The committee have established a restricted Subsidised Membership fund for a limited number of members. You need to apply in writing, initially to the Membership Secretary. Please see below for further details.

The Subsidised Membership Fund

Durham Choral Society will happily accept donations from members, no matter how small. Please reference 'subsidy'. Any donated funds will be ringfenced and reported in the annual accounts.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid adds 25% to the membership fee paid and represents significant additional income for the Society. To pay gift aid you must be a UK tax payer. Many members are able to gift aid their membership fees. The Membership Secretary is your first point of contact for new members or existing members whose circumstances have changed.

SUBSIDISED MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Durham Choral Society recognises that certain groups or individuals who enjoy singing, may be unable to pay the suggested annual membership fee.

- Schoolchildren up to and including their final year of education (aged 18) may sing with us free of charge.
- Students in full time education can pay a reduced subscription as specified at the relevant AGM when the subscription is agreed. In 2023-24 this will be £60 for the year.
- Individuals who are experiencing financial hardship can have their subscription reviewed by a sub committee of three, which includes the Treasurer, Membership Secretary and one other committee member. They will be expected to pay, at a minimum, the same fee as a full- time student, i.e. at least £60 in 2023-24.

Applications are to be made in writing with an outline of their reasons, to the Membership Secretary.

Any information provided will be dealt with sensitively and in line with our data handling policy as seen on the website.

Confirmation will be sent in writing before the first subscription payment is due.

The subsidised membership fee can be paid in 3 instalments which will become due on November 1st, February 1st , and April 1st

Any persons in receipt of a subsidised membership will have to purchase or hire their own music.

It is hoped that members of the choir who feel able, will donate to the Subsidised Membership fund.