



Sustainable Wantage (SW) COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

Becoming a member

Sustainable Wantage is a Community Benefit Society, a special form of Co-operative, owned and run by our members. Our aim is:

To carry on any business for the benefit of the community by encouraging, promoting and facilitating sustainability in Wantage, Grove and the surrounding area.

By becoming a member of Sustainable Wantage you are:

- Showing a commitment to Sustainable Wantage and supporting sustainable actions locally.
- Giving us a bigger voice when speaking to local organisations and businesses, or seeking grants for our work.
- Able to attend and vote at our AGM, and collaborate on projects and initiatives.

How do I become a member?

1. Fill in the membership application form by clicking [here](#).
2. Once we've received it, we will send you details of how to pay. Whilst you are setting up payment, we will initiate the membership approval process, normally a formality but required by our rules.
3. You will hear from us with a welcome pack once your application has been approved and the initial payment has cleared.

If you have problems with the form, you can request a Word version from membership@sustainablewantage.org.uk. You can also collect a printed membership form from The Mix, 15 Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9AB.

Thank you

Additional Information

Membership costs:

In the first year the fee is £6, which includes a £1 share in Sustainable Wantage and the annual subscription fee of £5. Membership covers you until the April of the following year.

We encourage you to set up an automatic bank transfer/ standing order as this reduces our volunteer admin hours for renewals by over 80%.

Our aim is to keep it as affordable as possible. We welcome additional donations from those who can!

You will receive an email (approx. mid-March each year) asking you to renew your membership on April 1st.

Cancellation:

If you wish to cancel your membership payment you can do so at any time by contacting your bank, please let us know if you do this. If you don't renew your annual subscription, your membership will lapse automatically 3 months after the renewal date.

If at any stage you stop being a member, we will take that as a request to no longer have a share in Sustainable Wantage, and the £1 value will then be classified as a donation.

Membership criteria and commitment:

You need to be 12 years old or over to be a member. Please contact us if you would like to join as an organisation. All Members agree to take an active interest in the Society and its business. Members have a duty to respect the confidential nature of any business or other decisions of the Society.

Approval:

Once we have received your membership form, we will seek approval for your membership from the Sustainable Wantage Board.

How we process your personal information:



SW will only use your contact details to tell you about future meetings and events (including the AGM and its minutes), to send you the newsletter if you requested it, and to process your membership application or other membership matters. A copy of your details will be stored on our share register for as long as you hold a share in Sustainable Wantage.

Our organisation

Sustainable Wantage is a Community Benefit Society (FCA registration no 32023R) and is governed by a set of rules, which you can see [here](#) or are available from the Membership secretary membership@sustainablewantage.org.uk