

# Ash u3a New Membership Application and Existing Membership Renewal 2024 to 2025

The simplest way to join or renew membership is online as detailed on Page Two below. Our annual membership fee from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025 is £10.00. For new members joining after 31st March 2025 the fee is £5.00 until 31st August 2025.

**New members are recommended to wait until mid-August 2024 to apply when applications for the full 2024-2025 annual membership period will be accepted on-line.**

**Existing members should await an email from the Membership Secretary inviting them to renew during August 2024.**

Your membership fee enables you to attend the Monthly Meeting as well as Group Meetings where there are vacancies. Some Groups charge extra for Hall Hire and other expenses.

## **GIFT AID**

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can allow Ash u3a to reclaim tax on your subscription as Ash u3a is a registered charity, number 1091390. However, if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations it will be your responsibility to pay any difference to HMRC.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

All members must:

- Abide by the principles of the u3a movement
- Always act in the best interests of the u3a and never do anything to bring the u3a into disrepute
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee
- Advise the Membership Secretary of any change in your personal details

## **PRIVACY**

Ash u3a requires members to provide personal information to fulfil our contract with you, and to keep you informed about events and activities that are offered as part of your membership. In collecting your information Ash u3a will:

- Store it securely for membership purposes
- Use it to communicate with you as a u3a member
- Share it with group leaders for those groups of which you are a member
- Send you general information about the Third Age Trust (the national organisation to which u3as are affiliated)

## **MAGAZINE**

**New members** who would like to receive Third Age Trust magazines – (Third Age Matters and Sources) please contact the Membership Secretary ([membership@ashu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@ashu3a.org.uk)).

**Existing members** who have not opted to receive the magazine but would now like to or who no longer wish to receive the magazine should contact the Membership Secretary.

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Anyone asking to receive the magazine are consenting to their data being shared with the company who oversee the distribution of the Trust Magazines.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Ash u3a preferred way of joining or re-joining is via the online u3a Beacon system. Using this means you are automatically entered on the u3a Beacon Membership system and the Membership Secretary does not have to enter your details manually. This reduces the risk of an error occurring.

Beacon uses PayPal and you can pay by debit card, credit card or a Pay Pal account if you have one. You do not need to sign up for Pay Pal - You can use the “guest” facility.

You will be linked to the Pay Pal site but by following these selections to choose debit or credit card you can by-pass Pay Pal.

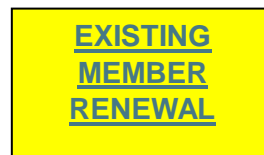
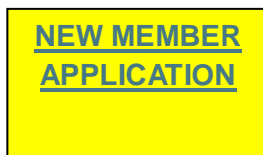
**When you reach the payment section and you would like to pay by debit or credit card please:**

1. Select “Pay by Debit or Credit Card”.
2. Ensure the option to create a PayPal account is NOT selected.
3. Select “Pay now as guest”.

When you have paid you will receive an email acknowledgment from PayPal.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE CLICKING THE RELEVANT YELLOW BOX BELOW:**

- 1) I agree to the above Terms and Conditions of Membership.
- 2) I consent to my data being used for membership purposes as detailed above.
- 3) I acknowledge my responsibility if I authorise Gift Aid on my donations.



[New member having problems paying online?](#)

*If you have a problem with online payment you can download a printable version of our application form below:*

[Application Form for New Members](#)

[Existing member – wish to pay another way or questions about renewing your membership?](#)

*Please refer to the e-mail or letter that will be sent to you each August from the Membership Secretary for alternative methods of payment and other information about renewing your membership. Sent from [membership@ashu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@ashu3a.org.uk)*