

## Subscription Rates 2019-20

As approved at the AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, the subscription rates for the 2019-20 season are as below.

Wimbledon Choral Society operates a full season subscription policy. Some other choirs run on a concert-by-concert or term-by-term basis – we do not.

Existing members returning at the start of a new season or part-way through it will still be required to pay the whole season's rate even if later they decide to leave part-way through that season.

New members joining later in a season will be asked to pay an amount proportional to the remaining length of the season once they have had their audition and been accepted as a member.

Member Type	Existing/Returning Member	New Member - Month Joined		
	Anytime during season	Sep	Jan	Apr
Full Membership	£150	£150	£100	£50
Reduced Rate – Registered Unemployed	£70	£70	£45	£22
Reduced Rate – Aged 25 or Under	£70	£70	£45	£22
Reduced Rate – Full-time Student	£25	£25	£16	£8

After the first season, renewal subscriptions for all member types other than Full-time Students may be paid in two equal (50%) instalments if so wished, one in September and the other in January using two cheques each made out for 50% of the whole season amount with one cheque being post-dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Cheques should be made out to [Wimbledon Choral Society](#) and given directly to the Society's Treasurer. Payment is encouraged by bank transfer. Bank=[Santander](#) Sort Code=[090151](#) Account=[27249400](#) Please ensure you include the word "Sub" and your name in the Reference field of your transfer. Thank you.

All subs *must* be paid before the date of the member's first concert of that season.



All members are encouraged to sign up for Gift Aid with the choir. The only requirement is that you pay sufficient income and/or capital gains tax to HM Revenue & Customs at some point during the year to cover the Gift Aid recovered by WCS. Most people will do so anyway if they are in full or part-time employment, have savings with banks, building societies or other financial institutions [the exception being ISAs as these are tax-free], have investments that generate income, or are drawing a pension.

Remember that Gift Aid costs *you* absolutely nothing but the choir gains a significant amount from it. The choir's Gift Aid Administrator is John Bright (Bass 2). Either email him on [giftaid@wimbledon-choral.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@wimbledon-choral.org.uk) or have a word with him at a rehearsal for more information and to obtain a form to be completed for Gift Aid claims with HMRC. Alternatively see the *Members* or *Gift Aid* pages on the website.

You don't need to contact HMRC about Gift Aid – that is all done by WCS for you. However, if you are a higher-rate tax payer and you complete an annual self-assessment tax return then you, too, may gain some additional tax relief for yourself by declaring your WCS subscription in the section about one-off Gift Aid payments under Charitable Giving.

The rules and conditions under which Gift Aid relief can be claimed mean that the value you can declare on your tax return is not necessarily the whole amount listed above, and a small element has to be deducted.

Wimbledon Choral Society has a Gift Aid policy (agreed and approved by the Trustees and the full WCS committee) that defines how this element is defined and calculated. The value varies from year to year.

Please confirm with the Administrator in April 2020 what the final amount will be for the tax year 2019/20.