

## Subscription Rates 2017-18

For the season September 2017 – June 2018, the subscription rates are as follows:

Full Membership	£134
Reduced Rate – Registered Unemployed	£67
Reduced Rate – Aged 25 or Under	£67
Reduced Rate – Full-time Student	£25

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. 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. The amount payable is agreed between the new member and the Treasurer.

Payment is encouraged by bank transfer. Bank=[Santander](#) Sort Code=[090151](#) Account=[27249400](#)  
Please ensure you include your name in the Reference field when you submit your transfer. Thank you.



All members are encouraged to sign up for Gift Aid with the choir. The only requirement is that you pay some income tax to HM Revenue & Customs at some point during the year. Most people will do so 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. You are not being asked to pay anything extra. Please talk to the WCS Treasurer for more information and to obtain a form to be completed for Gift Aid claims with HMRC. You don't need to contact HMRC about this – that is all done by the Treasurer.

However, should you complete an annual self-assessment tax return (or whatever the future shape of it will be) then you, too, can gain some tax relief for yourself by declaring your WCS subscription on the tax return in the section about one-off Gift Aid payments under Charitable Giving.

Please note that, following changes to the rules and conditions under which Gift Aid relief can be claimed, 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.

For the season 2017-2018, this element is expected to be around £5 and should be deducted from the amount you have paid for the season or part-season before declaring it on your tax return. For example, for the full membership amount, £129 can be declared rather than the full £134. Please confirm with the WCS Treasurer in April 2018 what the final amount will be for the tax year 2017/18.