

Subscription Rates 2021-22

As approved at the AGM on 27th Sept, the subscription rates for the 2021-22 season are as below.

Wimbledon Choral 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.

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

Existing members returning at the start of a season or part-way through it would normally be required to pay the whole season's rate even if later they decide to leave during that season. However, for this season only and for those existing members still not feeling comfortable returning just yet, the members in this category will be offered the option to pay as if they were new members joining part way through the season.

Subscriptions for the whole season and 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 of the same season.

Cheques should be made out to [Wimbledon Choral Society](#) and given directly to the Society's Treasurer. Payment is preferred by bank transfer. Bank=[Santander](#) Sort Code=[090151](#) Account=[27249400](#) Please ensure you include the word "Sub", your name and voice part in the Reference field of your transfer. For example: "Sub Gale B1". Thank you.

All subs **must** be paid before the date of the member's first concert of that season. The first concert for the 2021-22 season is Saturday 27th November 2021.



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 Gale (Bass 1). Either email him on 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. Unless or until otherwise advised, the amount of deduction for the purposes of claiming Gift Aid is £5, irrespective of the rate paid.