St Francis Fields Community Interest Company



Application for Membership

Please see overleaf for a brief description of the role & responsibilities of members. Please note that membership is restricted to residents of Northiam over the age of 18 and to one vote per household.

Name (voting member for household):		
Other members of household wishing to be included in the membership:		
Address (in all mostors do).		
Address (incl. postcode):		
Proof of residence in the parish of Northiam may be	e requested.	
Email address of voting member	Telephone	
Data protection regulations require that we need your consent to hold and share your personal data. Please answer the following questions by circling Yes or No to each.		
Do you consent to your personal details above being held on computer: Yes No		
May we contact you by email (our preferred method of contact): Yes No		
If you join a working group (see below), would you be happy to share your contact details (email & phone number) with other members of that group: Yes No		
Other than as above, we will not disclose your personal data to other persons or organisations without your consent. Should you need to update your details or wish to amend your consents please email us at stfrancisfieldsnorthiam@gmail.com.		
The CIC and the St Francis Fields project are run by volunteers and we value our members' involvement in the project. Please put a cross below against any of our current working groups & activities that you'd like to be part of and add other interests, experience or skills you can bring to the project		
Interests, experience & skills:		
Admin, legal, policies & procedures	IT & website management	
Agriculture & land management	Maintenance of buildings & fences	
Development of natural burial ground	Planning & future projects	
Ecology & wildlife	Organising & volunteering at events	
Grant applications & fund-raising	Renovation of the Hub	
Helping to run the Pop-up-Pub	Woodland management	
Other:		
Declaration: I acknowledge my responsibilities as a member as set out on the reverse of this form and confirm that I wish to play a constructive part in the direction of the CIC and the SFF project.		
Signed:	Date:	

Completed applications can be returned by post (address at foot of page), by hand to the mailbox at the main gate to St Francis Fields or attached to an email to *stfrancisfieldsnorthiam@gmail.com*

We will normally confirm whether your application has been successful within two weeks

CICs and membership

A Community Interest Company is a particular type of limited company; one with social objectives where surpluses must be reinvested in the business or in the community. The St Francis Fields CIC is registered as a Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee. This means that it has no shareholders. Instead, it has members who have the right to vote at Annual and other General Meetings of the Company as well as the directors who run the Company on a day-to-day basis.

Under the model Articles of Association for CICs, provided by the Office of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies, it is mandatory that a CIC of our type has an application process for membership and that all applications are subject to approval by the directors. Implicit in this is that the directors can set reasonable criteria for membership. The model Articles also permit the directors to remove a member on the grounds that their continued membership would be harmful to the Company.

The members of any company limited by guarantee are liable for the company's debts if it is wound up. However, this should not be of concern as our Articles limit liability to no more than £1.

Our criteria for membership

Our primary criteria for membership are that you are a resident of the Parish of Northiam and over the age of 18. We also ask you to confirm that you want to play a constructive part in the direction of the CIC and the St Francis Fields project. As we make clear, the CIC and the SFF project are run by volunteers and we both value and need, so far as you are able, members' involvement in the project.

What being a member means

Voting members of the CIC (limited to one per household, although we're happy to include other members of the household in that membership) have the right to propose motions and to vote at Annual and other General Meetings of the Company as set out in the Articles of Association and we would encourage all voting members to exercise their rights in this way.

Outside of these formal meetings of the Company, we will welcome suggestions from members about the use and improvement of St Francis Fields as an asset for the community. However, in making these we would ask you to understand that our ability to take these forward depends on the views of the Parish Council as landowner, the Town & Country Planning system and, very importantly, on the availability of finance and man (and woman) power.

In a company and project run by volunteers, we can always use more help and this is why we ask you to identify any of our current working groups & activities that you'd like to be part of and tell us about other interests, experience or skills you can bring to the project.

Additional information will be found in our membership and other policies and our newsletters. Our Memorandum & Articles of Association can be found on the Companies House website.

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Application considered (date):	Accepted	Declined
Comments:		
Details added to register of members:		