

## **Subscription Rates 2023-24**

As approved at the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023, the subscription rates for the 2023-24 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	£190	£190	£125	£65
Reduced Rate - Registered Unemployed	£80	£80	£55	£30
Reduced Rate – Aged 25 or Under	£80	£80	£55	£30
Reduced Rate – Full-time Student	£30	£30	£20	£10

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. 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 John Gale, 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".

We can now also accept payment by most major debit and credit cards. Thank you.

All subs *must* be paid before the date of the member's first concert of that season. The first concert for the 2023-24 season is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



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 <a href="mailto:giftaid@wimbledon-choral.org.uk">giftaid@wimbledon-choral.org.uk</a> 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.

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