



Friends of Firs Farm

Registered Charity 1177069

Membership

Membership of the Charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in the constitution.

A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or [an individual or corporate body representing] an organisation which is not incorporated

Currently there is no membership Fee, however, we are grateful for any and all donations to the Friends of Firs Farm Charity. Details are as follows:-

Bank: HSBC Name: Friends of Firs Farm Sort code: 402023 Account No: 32100746

3 types of membership:

1. Trustees
2. Committee Members (Voting)
3. General Members (Non-voting)

Please see below for more information on each of these and how to apply.

1. Trustees

Friends of Firs Farm recognises that an effective team of trustees (Management Team (MT)) is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objects.

The MT must be representative of the community with whom the Friends charity works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity.

Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Charity at meetings and other events.

Trustee are expected to, at a minimum, attend 4 meetings per annum and others as required.

Would you be interested in a Trustees Role?

We aim to maintain between 5 & 12 Trustees to manage the charity. People with skills / experience in Education (schools young people engagement), Legal (Governance, Policies, including safeguarding and charitable operations in-line with the Constitution and Charity Commission guidelines) Accountancy Secretary, Admin, Fund raising, Sports, Environment, Events, and so much more besides.

What skills can you bring to the Trustees team and why do you want to be a Trustee?

If, after reading the attached, you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please send in a completed application (end of this document) to the current Trustees at FriendsofFirsFarm@gmail.com Please include in the subject line FOFF MEMBERSHIP-TRUSTEES

If being a Trustee is not for you but you have key skills and experience that would further the objectives of the Charity please do consider joining instead as a Committee or supporting member.

2. Committee Members (Voting)

In addition to the attached, It is one of the conditions of admission to Committee membership that:

2.1. Committee members help to promote and support the purposes of the Friends of Firs Farm where and when they are able to, but are expected to:-

- Volunteer to support: events, tasks, other activities as and when they can/are able to, but at least 3 times per annum.
- Attend at least 50% of committee meetings including the AGM. Apologies for non-attendance.

If, after reading the attached you are interested in becoming a member of the Committee, please send in a completed application (find at end of this document) to the current Trustees at FriendsofFirsFarm@gmail.com Include in the subject line FOFF MEMBERSHIP-COMMITTEE

3. General Member (Non-voting)

It is a condition of admission to membership, that ALL members help to promote and support the purposes of the Friends of Firs Farm where and when they are able to.

Your interest, support and use of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields is very much appreciated.

If you have any comments please bring them to one of the general public meetings or email us at friendsoffirsfarm@gmail.com

Any references in the attached constitution to “members” and “membership” do not apply to non-voting members, and non-voting members do not qualify as members for any purpose under the Charities Acts, General Regulations or Dissolution Regulations

If you have received this by email, we already hold your details as a Friend of Firs Farm and will automatically include you as a General Member. Please let us know if you wish to change this by sending an email to FriendsofFirsFarm@gmail.com with the subject line **General Member – Changes.**



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Application Form

Become a member of Friends of Firs Farm Registered Charity (1177069)

Please print this page, complete, sign and return to friendsoffirsfarm@gmail.com

Section A – Type of Membership or Nomination (Please tick as appropriate)

- 1. Trustees. (Please complete section A & C below)
- 2. Committee Members (Voting). (Please complete section A & B below)
- 3. General Members (Non-voting). (Please complete section A & send in with your comments)

Name:

Email address:

Address:

Contact Number: Date:.....

Signature:

Section B Committee Nominations (only to be used for the next April AGM)

Name of the Proposer:- Contact Number

Name of the Seconder:- Contact Number

Nominee (same as above) Contact Number

Section C – Trustees Only

1: Please tell us briefly what has attracted you to being a trustee with Friends of Firs Farm?
2: In your research, would you tell us what it is about Friends of Firs Farm that interests you and what you feel urgently needs to be addressed.
3: What is your vision for Friends of Firs Farm and how do you see your skills and experience contributing to our work?
4: Please demonstrate how you can support and add value to the group.