



# THE SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ESTABLISHED IN 1849



## MEMBERSHIP GUIDE AND APPLICATION FORM

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 201929  
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# HISTORY

The Society was founded in 1849 and produced its first volume of annual papers, known as *Proceedings*, in that same year. In 1873 the Society purchased Taunton Castle to save the historic site for the County of Somerset. Today it houses the new Museum of Somerset, which incorporates many of the artefacts collected by the Society for over a century and a half. The Society leased Taunton Castle to Somerset County Council after World War Two and it continues with this arrangement today. Next to the Castle is The Wyndham Hall. Built in 1927, it was donated to the Society by the Wyndham family for holding talks to enlighten the people of Somerset. The Society also owns a priceless collection of over 100,000 books, prints and manuscripts, collected and donated by its members.



Plans are being drawn up for the Society to refurbish the Wyndham Hall to make this valuable space more widely available for talks and meetings. The Society is also involved with Somerset County Council and the Somerset Building Preservation Trust to renovate and rejuvenate Castle House (pictured left). The Society relies upon bequests and gifts from its members, which have enabled SANHS to give £35,000 towards the new Museum of Somerset and £10,000 towards purchasing the Frome hoard.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Society's headquarters, library and archive collections are at the new Somerset Heritage Centre. Books can be borrowed from this collection by members of the Society. Membership also entitles you to free entry to the Museum of Somerset and the Museum of Rural life in the Abbey Barn at Glastonbury, a free copy of the Society's annual *Proceedings* and *Newsletter*, free entry to all the Society's events and talks, free use of the meeting rooms in the Castle and Heritage Centre. The Society caters for the needs of the naturalist, archaeologist and historian by arranging a comprehensive programme of lectures, excursions, excavations, field meetings, and social gatherings and enables members of similar interests to meet and exchange ideas. The Society continues to be the only organisation of its kind covering the whole of the historic County of Somerset.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Ordinary Membership.** Annual subscription of £30 individuals and institutions receive all the Society's periodical publications free of charge.

**Joint Membership.** Applicants must be members of the household of an Ordinary Member. Joint members can participate in all activities for £41 a year.

**Junior Membership.** Anyone under 18 years of age can join for £10 a year. **Students in full-time education** are treated as Juniors until graduating or reaching the age of 22, whichever is earlier.

**Overseas Membership.** For individuals and institutions is £36, payable in £ sterling.

**Life Membership.** A person aged 60 years or more may become a Life Member on payment of a sum equal to, or not less than, 20 times the annual subscription for the time being of an Ordinary Member. A person under 60 years of age shall also be eligible on payment of the amount above, plus a further sum equivalent to one year's subscription of an Ordinary Member for each year that his or her age is less than 60.

If you join after 1 October your membership will cover the period up to December 31<sup>st</sup> in the following year.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



TITLE (Mr, Mrs, etc) ..... FULL NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

..... POSTCODE .....

EMAIL ..... TELEPHONE ..... DATE OF BIRTH .....

Please tick type of membership being applied for

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If you join after 1 October your membership will cover up to December 31<sup>st</sup> in the following year.

Please tick areas of interest NATURAL HISTORY  ARCHIVES  HISTORIC BUILDINGS

LIBRARY  PUBLICATIONS  LOCAL HISTORY  ARCHAEOLOGY  MUSEUM

Please state if you are able to help the Society in any capacity, e.g. Fund raising, proof reading,, cataloguing, general voluntary tasks, leading field trips, etc:

Please state if you are interested in organising events, serving as a trustee or helping on a committee:

SIGNED ..... DATE .....

If the application is for **Joint Membership**, the full member with whom you wish to be

associated must sign here: .....

This form, when completed, should be detached and sent, with a full year's subscription, to:

**Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society,**

Somerset Heritage Centre, Brunel Way, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton TA2 6SF

Telephone 01823 272429 Registered Charity Number 201929



## GRANTS FOR RESEARCH

The **Society** administers several funds which support research into archaeology, local history, historic buildings and natural history relating to the ancient county of Somerset. The Society has funds from several gifts and endowments, such as **Maltwood, Gray and Desmond Williams**, as well as from its own resources For more information see our website [www.sanhs.org](http://www.sanhs.org)

## BANKERS ORDER FORM

To: ..... Bank. Address: .....  
..... Postcode .....

Please pay to the account of the **Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society (Account No 70841160)** at National Westminster Bank plc, North Street, Taunton, (Sort Code 60-80-06)

the sum of **£30.00 (Ordinary member) / £41.00 (Ordinary + Joint member) / Other** (please insert)  
on ..... and **thereafter on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year until further notice.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CANCELS ANY EXISTING ORDER IN FAVOUR OF THE SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (SANHS)**

Signed ..... Date .....

Member's Name/s (please print) .....

Account Name .....

Account Number ..... Branch Sort Code \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

For completion by SANHS Office: Society Reference Number .....

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Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Signature ..... Date .....

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3. You can cancel this declaration at any time by phoning the Society's office on 01823 272429.