

Bedfordshire Natural History Society
Registered Charity Number 268659

Gift Aid

Dear Member,

The revised Gift Aid scheme brought in by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the 2000 Budget allows the Society to claim back tax paid on Subscriptions paid and Donations given by a UK taxpayer. This means that the Society can add, at present, 25p to every pound given - for example a member who belongs to both BNHS and the Bird Club and pays £25 per annum would allow an extra £6.25 to be claimed by the Society and for a member paying £19 an extra £4.75 could be claimed. This can be applied to any payments made after 5th April 2011. A considerable extra income, therefore, could be gained for the Society and I am sure you would agree that this is a worthwhile amount which could be put to good use.

I am writing to ask if you would allow your BNHS Subscription and any Donations to be subject to this scheme.

The following points are important:

If you pay Income Tax or Capital Gains tax at least equal to the tax that will be reclaimed then you qualify for the scheme.

All you have to do is complete the declaration form below and the Society will do the rest.

You can cancel the arrangement any time by informing the Society.

If your circumstances change and you no longer pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax you must cancel your declaration.

If you change your name or address please inform the Society

If 2 or more Subscriptions are paid by a partnership or household it is only necessary for 1 member to complete the declaration form, naming the members involved.

The person who completes the form must print their full name and address in the appropriate box and should sign and date the form.

If you are not a tax payer it would help if you ticked the appropriate box to avoid sending out unnecessary correspondence.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

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Gift Aid Declaration

Please print:

I am completing this on behalf of:

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Address:

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Please tick the appropriate box

I wish the BNHS to treat my subscription and donations as Gift Aid donations and reclaim tax on all such donations since 6 April 2000 and any donations I make in the future until I notify the Society otherwise.

I am not a UK Tax payer

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Please return this form to the **Membership Secretary:**
Mary Sheridan, 28 Chestnut Hill, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2TR