



BECOME A MEMBER OF HCS

You are warmly invited to become a Member of our organisation and support us into the future.

Many of you will of course feel you are already members of HCS, having registered with us as a Carer. And of course we have aimed to keep you in touch with everything 'Carer' in the county!

Now, we are offering a formal Membership to encourage Carers (and other supporters) to take part in how HCS is run, to bring diversity of opinion, raise our profile, give us a stronger voice in the local and national community and improve how we are democratically run. We have recently updated our constitution to include new classes of Membership to achieve this as follows: .

Full Member

All Carers in Herefordshire over the age of 16 can apply to become a Full Member of HCS and offers a way for you to become involved.

- ★ Membership is free.
- ★ You will be notified of and can attend all General Meetings
- ★ Your participation will help make sure Carers are making decisions about how HCS works for Carers
- ★ Your voice can shape HCS for the future
- ★ Your votes will elect Trustees to run the organisation
- ★ You can propose and vote on resolutions
- ★ You can be nominated for election as a trustee

Associate Member

If you are not a Carer but support the objects and activities of HCS, you can become an Associate Member.

- ★ Membership is free.
- ★ You will be notified of all General Meetings
- ★ You can attend and speak at meetings, but not vote.
- ★ You can be nominated for election as a trustee

Affiliate Member

If you are a group or organisation working with or for carers, you can become an Affiliated Member.

- ★ Membership is free.
- ★ You will be notified of all General Meetings
- ★ You can attend and speak at meetings, but not vote.

Apply for HCS membership at any time using the form provided and our next Board of Trustees meeting will consider your application for approval. This will not be unreasonably withheld. As a member you will have a maximum liability for any HCS debts (if any) of £10, up to a year after your membership ceases.

It is important to note that being a member does not entitle you to special treatment or access to services and support. All our services will remain available to all Carers in Herefordshire regardless.

A copy of our Articles of Association (our constitution) is available on request.

NB Our first Annual General Meeting will be held at Carers Rights Day on 24 November 2017 and to become a Member in time to vote at the AGM please return a Membership form by 6 November 2017.

Get in touch...

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