



Proposal for a Membership Subscription Fee

Since forming at the end of 2021, we have operated an informal membership scheme. Anyone who has expressed interest in our project has been added to our mailing list and consulted and informed about developments. We have been very successful in bidding for start-up funds and have achieved far more than we might have expected in our first year of operation.

The FoDHP Committee feels that Introducing a more formal membership will have several benefits for both the association and its members as we go forward.

1. **Sustainability.** A membership fee will provide a steady source of income to ensure the long-term sustainability of the association. Membership fees can help cover the essential running costs of running the association, such as supplies and materials, printing, publicity, website costs, and hire of meeting rooms.
2. **Improved services:** With a membership fee, we can invest in improving our services and activities. This helps to attract new members and keep existing members engaged and satisfied.
3. **Sense of ownership:** When members pay a membership fee, they feel more invested in the association and its success. This can lead to increased participation and engagement in our activities and initiatives.
4. **Transparency:** Members will be involved in the association's finances; seeing how their contributions are being used and having a say in how funds are being used.

We know that this is a difficult time and there are many competing claims at a time of financial hardship, so we are proposing a modest annual subscription of £10.

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