

THE GIFT AID SCHEME

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. What is Gift Aid?

A. Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows you to increase the value of your donation by 25% (from April 2011) at no extra cost to you. So, for every £10 you donate we are able to claim back £2.50, making your donation worth £12.50.

Q. Where does Gift Aid money come from?

A. Gift Aid is a Government scheme that allows registered charities to claim back tax you have paid to the UK Government. The Gift Aid claimed on your donation is therefore tax you have paid which the Government allows us to reclaim.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. Gift Aid costs you nothing. Money is reclaimed from tax you have already paid.

Q. Is there a minimum donation for Gift Aid to apply?

A. No, Gift Aid can be applied to all donations, large or small, provided your tax contributions for the year are at least equal to the amount reclaimed.

Q. How do I register for Gift Aid?

A. To allow us to claim Gift Aid you need only complete a Gift Aid Declaration once and we then will reclaim Gift Aid until you instruct us otherwise. You need only register once.

Q. Am I eligible for Gift Aid?

A. We are able to claim Gift Aid on your donations if you are a UK tax payer and have paid income and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount we reclaim.

Q. How do I know if I am a UK tax payer?

A. You are a UK tax payer if any of the following apply:

- Tax is taken from your wages or pension before you receive them.
- You have to fill in a self-assessment form.
- You have any taxable savings (in a building society, for instance), or a pension plan, or investment income.
- You have recently paid any capital gains tax, or expect to pay it in the near future. This could be on the sale of a property or some shares, for example.

Q. What if I am a pensioner?

A. You may still be paying tax on a private pension plan or a savings account, or pay capital gains tax if you sell either a property or shares. You are still eligible if you have paid enough tax during the year to cover your donations (i.e. 25% of the value of your gifts).

What if I stop paying tax?

A. Please inform us so we can stop claiming Gift Aid on your donations.

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE SCHEME PLEASE COMPLETE A GIFT AID FORM AND HAND IT IN USING ENVELOPE PROVIDED