

Definition of Membership

There are three types of membership, Full, Associate and Individual, based on different criteria and the roles and expertise of the organisation or individual.

Full Membership

Eligibility for full membership is based on the following criteria

- a) The Organisation may be either a “Friends of” Group, a Green Space Management Group, A “Not for Profit” Organisation, a Registered Charity or an Educational group, working in a Green space. All groups must be formally constituted.
- b) If not working in a Kirklees Council owned site, the group must have the landowner’s permission and the site must be freely accessible to all, with an environmental, biodiversity or educational theme.
- c) The organisation must operate as a voluntary group or a not for profit organisation
- d) The organisation must be active and not be established for a limited timescale
- e) The organisation must actively promote the betterment of the environment and biodiversity of the green space.

Full members are able to access the benefits and services provided which include being able to attend the quarterly meetings, have access to members and the skills they can share, participate in the events held by Natural Kirklees, apply for the free insurance scheme and have access to the tool stores. A nominated person from each group is entitled to vote at all meetings.

Associate Membership

Associate membership is for smaller groups who are not necessarily constituted and who have expressed an interest in Natural Kirklees such as churches, schools, Women’s Institutes etc and eligibility is based on the following criteria

- a) If not working in a Kirklees Council owned site, the group must have the landowner’s permission and the site must be freely accessible to all, with an environmental, biodiversity or educational theme.
- b) The organisation must operate as a voluntary group or a not for profit organisation
- c) The organisation must be active and not be established for a limited timescale
- d) The organisation must actively promote the betterment of the environment and biodiversity of the green space.

Associate members are able to access the benefits and services provided which include being able to attend the quarterly meetings, have access to members and the skills they can share, participate in the events held by Natural Kirklees, and have access to the tool stores, but are **not** entitled to participate in the insurance scheme nor to vote at meetings.

To utilise the Tool Store the group must be accepted as a Full or Associate member

Individual Membership

Eligibility for Individual membership is based on the following criteria

- a) The individual will have specific expertise in relation to the environment or natural world OR having served as a volunteer for one of the organisational members (Full or Associate) be elected by the members as a Trustee of Natural Kirklees.
- b) The individual must live or offer their advice / services within Kirklees
- c) The individual must operate as a volunteer when undertaking activities on behalf of Natural Kirklees.

Individual Members have the same rights as associate members and are **not** entitled to vote at meetings. The individuals will be insured by Natural Kirklees in their capacity of expert or trustee when acting on behalf of natural Kirklees.

The decision to admit new members and to define their membership status (or to define the initial status of existing members) will be made initially by the Trustees and ratified by the members at the next meeting of the members.

Membership will terminate in accordance with the constitution or if the organisation ceases to continue their stated objectives.

Each organisation will be asked to provide up to three contact names and contact details. Members agree that this information will be held on a single database administered by Natural Kirklees and restricted in circulation to only the trustees in their capacity as trustees or by agreement of the individuals concerned. Information agreed by each organisation and / or individual will be posted on the Natural Kirklees website only with the specific agreement of the organisation and individual concerned.

The database of membership will include the following information (at the discretion of the organisation or individual concerned

- Organisation or Individual Name
- Date Joined natural Kirklees
- Membership Status (Full, Associate, Individual)
- Organisation Status (Company, Charity, Constituted or Informal)
- Email Address (and whether to allow this email address to appear on the web site)
- Web page / Facebook & Twitter account of organisation or individual
- Location of Site / Office (and whether this address may appear on the web site)
- Organisation Phone Number (or main contacts phone number) (and whether this number may appear on the web site)

- Accessibility (either Full, Partial or None for Disability purposes)
- Geographic Area(s) (Defining which Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator is appropriate)
- Areas of Activity
- Insured (whether or not insured within the Natural Kirklees Insurance scheme)
- Newsletter (whether the organisation email address and any contact email addresses associated with the organisation will receive the NK newsletter)
- Summarised Activity of the organisation i.e. it's objectives or expertise of any individual member
- Up to 3 contacts (at least one) any of who may request their details, email or phone number to be included or excluded from the web site. These members will also receive the newsletter unless they request otherwise.
- GDPR check – the date on which Natural Kirklees last reflected agreement of the information held by the organisation or individual or the date after this initial agreement when the database was updated from information received.