

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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What we do

The Grange Association works to protect and enhance the Grange area for everyone who lives in, works in and visits the neighbourhood. The Grange's character depends on its geography, history, natural history and architecture; and it relies for its conservation and enhancement on its residents. We aim to promote:

Learning: Education about the Grange's character

Care: Active interest in looking after it.

Enhancement: Recognition, preservation and improvement of its best features.

Quality: High standards in its planning and architecture.

We monitor all planning applications, applications for listed building consent, notifications of work on trees and applications for permission to do work on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order in the area, objecting or commenting to the Council when appropriate.

We produce a full-colour Newsletter three times a year with profiles of local residents, news and views, planning updates, articles on history, nature, trees, the environment and gardening, a diary of events and useful contacts. It is delivered to all 3,000 households in the area.

We organise a programme of autumn/winter talks on subjects of local and general interest.

We maintain a website and members' forum for news, reference material and discussions.

We liaise with Marchmont Sciennes Community Council and Grange Prestonfield Community Council and with local elected Councillors when appropriate.

Benefits of membership

In addition to supporting the work of the Association all members receive:

An advance copy by email of Grange Association events in full detail.

Regular updates on our work, by email and through the forum.

Opportunities to influence our views and activities.

Invitations to talks and visits, as well as free entry to events.

Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

If you feel concern for the amenity, character and the upkeep of our area please support our work and become a member.

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Appeal for new Committee Members

All of the activities of the Association are delivered by volunteers. There is a Committee of about 12 people, which meets 6 – 8 times a year, and a wider group of people doing several tasks such as Newsletter distribution, running the Garden Group, helping at events. The Office Bearers and Committee Members carry out various tasks in between Committee meetings.

Over the next 15 months the present Committee will change significantly. The Grange Association constitution limits the time anyone can serve in any one position on the Committee to four years. The terms of all four office bearers finish by March 2019. This year we have been without anyone to organise the talks and events programme following the retirement of Hilary Watkinson at the 2017 AGM. During the past year we have co-opted two new Committee Members, Martin Sinclair and Nigel Ayton, who will both stand for formal election at the 2018 AGM.

Do you value what the Association does? Would you like this to continue? Are you able to help? If you are interested, please contact any member of the Committee for further information – contact details at the front of this Newsletter.

Data Protection – explanatory note – PLEASE READ

TO ALL MEMBERS

Soon, due to an update in data protection law, we won't be able to hold details of your address, phone number or email address without your express permission.

For example, our main way to contact you with details of talks, events, other activities of the Association and information of local interest is by email. If you don't give us permission to hold your email address we will no longer be able to send you these emails.

It is really important that you complete a DATA PROTECTION CONSENT FORM even if you are an existing member and therefore would not normally fill out a new membership form and even if you do not use email.

If we hold your email address we will email you a consent form by 21 February 2018, which you may complete electronically and return by email. Otherwise, either if we don't hold your email address or instead of completing the electronic form, please fill in the consent form on the next page and return it using one of the methods indicated.

If you would like to know more or understand your data protection rights, please take a look at our privacy policy at www.grangeassociation.org

Notice of 2018 AGM (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

The 2018 Grange Association AGM will take place on Thursday 1st March in St Catherine's Argyle Church, 61-63 Grange Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1TY at 7pm -refreshments from 6:30pm

DATA PROTECTION – CONSENT FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL MEMBERS TO ENSURE YOU CONTINUE TO ACCESS BENEFITS AND RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ASSOCIATION

NAME (s)

ADDRESS

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POSTCODE **TEL**

EMAIL

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

Please tick the appropriate box(es) below and sign the declaration.

I/we agree to the Grange Association storing my/our NAME(s) and ADDRESS in the Association's private list of members which is available to only selected committee members and to the Newsletter distribution organiser in order to allow free entry to 'member free' events, confirm voting eligibility at AGM and allow free postage of newsletters to members outside the Association area.

I/we agree to the Grange Association storing my/our EMAIL ADDRESS(es) in the Association's private list of members which is available to only selected committee members and to the Newsletter distribution organiser in order to inform me of talks, events, other activities of the Association and information of local interest.

I/we agree to the Grange Association storing my/our TELEPHONE NUMBER in the Association's private list of members which is available to only selected committee members and to the Newsletter distribution organiser for general membership administration.

DATE..... **SIGNED**.....

Please return this form by one of these methods:

- (a) To Grange Association Membership Secretary, 90 Grange Loan, Edinburgh, EH9 2EP
- (b) Scan and email to membership@grangeassociation.com, or
- (c) Hand deliver to any of the Contacts noted on Page 2 of this newsletter

MEMBERSHIP FORM

To: The Grange Association Membership Secretary
90 Grange Loan, Edinburgh EH9 2EP

Annual subscription rates for 2018 – tick which applies:

Individual Membership: £10.00

Household Membership: £15.00

This membership form is to be used by new members and existing members whose details have changed. Existing members whose details have not changed who renew by cheque* or Standing Order do not need to complete this form.
***Please post to Membership Secretary**

NAME (s)

ADDRESS

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POSTCODE **TEL**

EMAIL

**I/We enclose/will make internet banking payment for £ comprising:
Membership subscription £..... + Donation(optional) £**

Please tick the appropriate boxes below.

- I have enclosed a cheque payable to 'The Grange Association'
- I have requested* bank account details to make a single internet banking payment
- I have requested* a Standing Order form so that from 2019 I/we will renew membership subscription by Standing Order
- I have completed the Data Protection consent form overleaf (required if we are to be able to contact you)
- I have signed the Gift Aid Declaration below (optional).

(* by emailing membership@grangeassociation.com)

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Name of Charity: The Grange Association (Scottish Charity No SC025491)

(Please use CAPITALS)

I (Name)

ADDRESS

..... **POSTCODE**.....

I would like the Grange Association to treat all donations I have made in the last four years and all donations I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

DATE..... **SIGNED**.....

1. You may cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Association.
2. Signatories of this declaration must pay income tax at least equal to the tax that the Association reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
3. Please notify the Association of any change of address