

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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What we do

The Grange relies for its conservation and enhancement on its residents. The Grange Association works to protect and enhance the Grange for everyone who lives in, works in and visits the neighbourhood. Our aims are broadly as follows:

Participation: Stimulating local public interest and involvement in activities and events to appreciate and care for the beauty, history and character of the Grange.

Appreciation: Recognition, preservation and improvement of the best features of the Grange.

Development: Working constructively with the planning authorities to ensure new developments contribute to and enhance the character of the Grange as an attractive place in which to live and work.

Information: A respected source of information about the geography, history, natural history, architecture and cultural heritage of the Grange.

How we do this

Participation: *We operate a forum on our website for sharing ideas and information.*

We support the annual Grange Fair in May, which brings the community together across all ages and backgrounds.

We are represented on the Marchmont Sciennes and the Grange Prestonfield Community Councils to ensure the views of Grange residents are made known to Councillors and other elected officials.

We support the Grange Garden Exchange group which shares best practice and organises an annual visit (open to all Association members) to local gardens of interest.

Appreciation: *We hold monthly meetings from October to March at which speakers present matters of local interest, giving informative and entertaining talks on topics such as local history and geography.*

We present the Grange Award biennially to the development which has done most to enhance or preserve the character of the Grange.

Development: *We monitor all planning and listed building applications in the Grange, and notifications of work on trees. We alert members to major or potentially contentious applications. Where appropriate, after receiving representations from members, we submit comments or objections to the planning authorities and publish these on our website, together with updates as applications are modified or decided.*

We are key participants in the Astley Ainslie Community Engagement Group, which is working with the planning authorities and NHS Lothian to define the planning framework for assessing proposals for the redevelopment of this precious site when it is offered for sale in 2020.

Information: *We provide a rich source of historic and current information on the Grange through our website (www.grangeassociation.org). Archive material and historic maps are available. There are reference sections providing guidance on planning applications.*

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.

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Benefits of Membership

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

Invitations to meetings and visits, as well as free entry to talks (normally £4.00).

Regular updates on our work, by email and through the forum, including targeted e-mails about planning applications in your postcode area (opt-out available).

Opportunities to share your views and ideas to influence the policy and activities of the Association.

Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

If you enjoy the amenity and character of the Grange and want to help to maintain it, please support our work and become a member.

Opportunities 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.

The present Committee is about to 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 the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and 3 ordinary members will finish at the AGM in March 2019. There are therefore opportunities for Association members to join the Committee in various capacities. All the positions on the Committee are open for election at the AGM. The Committee is looking in particular for people interested in the position of Secretary or ordinary Committee member. We are also keen to find someone to manage the Association's website (it is not necessary for this person to be on the Committee).

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.

A member writes:

“This year’s Grange Association garden outing was one of the best ever. Not only did we visit an exceptional garden but we enjoyed a wonderfully sunny day in great company. One of the side benefits of these events is the opportunity to meet other neighbours and have lively conversations on all sorts of subjects. When chatting to a committee member, I was surprised to learn that only about 10% of Grange residents are members of the Grange Association. I would encourage all residents to join. As well as the benefits listed on the application form, you get the opportunity to meet more of your neighbours and to feel a part of the community. If you disagree with some of the views and activities of the Association, you should join so that you can express your opinion and exert your influence. And surely if you live in the Grange you should support the association even if you don’t have time to attend the events.”

Tom Cunningham

NOTICE OF 2019 AGM

The 2019 Grange Association AGM will take place on Tuesday 05 March in St Catherine’s Argyle Church, 61-63 Grange Road, Edinburgh EH9 1TY at 19:00.

Refreshments will be available from 18:30.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Annual subscription rates for 2019 – 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 and 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 enclose 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 to renew membership subscription annually on 01 February
- 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**.....

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM - DATA PROTECTION CONSENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL NEW MEMBERS TO ENSURE YOU CAN 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

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