

March 2019

Dear member

Membership Renewal

Thank you for being a member of ASGMA.

It is now time for you to renew your membership, which runs from 1st April each year to the following March. Your membership enables you to receive our newsletters and access our services and activities, and being a member is a condition of doing so.

We have been able to hold the rate of membership for 2019-20 at the same rate as 2018-19. The cost therefore remains at £28 per year for individuals and families. We have also retained a concessionary rate for individuals and families of £14, which is available subject to meeting certain conditions (see over).

If you pay your membership by Standing Order, please complete and return the attached form, and amend your existing Standing Order to pay £28 in total. If you pay by any other method please return the attached membership form back to us either with the payment attached or confirmation that you have paid online.

Please be aware that if you are a UK taxpayer you can increase the value to ASGMA of your membership by agreeing to Gift Aid on your membership, at no extra cost to you; if you are able to do this please tick the relevant box in Section 2.

We have appreciated your membership of ASGMA in the past and we hope you have been able to make the most of the services we have been able to offer. Your membership helps us to support people affected by autism in Greater Manchester.

Thank you for being a member of ASGMA.

Yours sincerely,



JUDITH SANDGROUND
Finance Manager



A concessionary rate of membership may be available to individuals or families in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income support or Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit / Working Tax Credit, with total household income under £16,190
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

Eligibility in respect of benefits will be re-assessed on each renewal of membership.

Individuals in receipt of Direct Payment or Personal/Individual Budget care packages and their families will not normally qualify for the concessionary rate, regardless of other benefit status.

Members must provide evidence of the benefit(s) and sign to confirm the information.

Procedure:

Applications for the concessionary rate will initially be assessed by the Operations Team Leader. Any applications from individuals or families not in receipt of the specified benefits but who are nevertheless disadvantaged or otherwise subject to hardship will also be assessed by the Operations Team Leader. Any appeal against rejection of a concessionary rate application will be considered by the Operations Manager.



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Please complete the application form and return it to: ASGMA, 1114 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 0HL. Tel: 0161 866 8483

Section 1. Personal Details

Lead Name:	Title	First Name	Surname	
If family membership, include other names here				
Address:				
Post Code:		Landline number:		
Mobile Number:				
E-mail address:				
Type of membership: (please tick box)	Individual (standard rate)	Individual (concessionary)	Family (standard rate)	Family (concessionary)
Are you – or the person you care for - a user of ASGMA's services? If so, please write your / your cared-for's name and local authority area below:				
Name:		Local authority:		
<p>Membership cost: £28.00 per year (1st April 2019-31st March 2020)</p> <p>A concessionary rate of £14 per year may be available to individuals or families in receipt of one or more benefits – see enclosed.</p> <p>Members joining for the first time during the course of the year may pay a reduced charge based on the month of joining – please contact us for details.</p>				



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SECTION 2: Method of Payment – Please Gift Aid if you can – see note below!

	Please tick relevant box
<p>At no extra cost to myself, but of extra benefit to ASGMA – please Gift Aid my membership fees and any donations I may make.</p> <p>I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.</p> <p>Please also note that if you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim further relief via your self-assessment tax return (currently 20p per pound donated).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I enclose a cheque/Postal Order (made payable to the Autistic Society Greater Manchester Area).	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have paid my membership by BACS Bank Transfer to ASGMA account number 40688673, sort code 20-55-59, giving my surname, postcode and stating 'Membership payment' on the bank transfer instruction. (Please still complete and return this form to us to confirm our records are correct).	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have set up a Standing Order at my Bank.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Declaration: I declare that my details as given on this form are correct.</p> <p>I am happy for my details to be held by the society and used in accordance with the aims of the society – i.e. information from the society about relevant activities and meetings.</p>
<p>Signed.....Date.....</p>

Please tick the box if you do NOT wish to receive information about fund-raising and other marketing activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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