

SKY BLUE TRUST

REPORT FOR AGM 16 JULY 2018

TRUST MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES

For a number of years, the subscription fee for joining the Sky Blue Trust has been £1. The Trust currently has over 2700 members.

The Trust has not been through a process of renewing memberships for some time as this could not be achieved with the existing IT systems. Following an IT upgrade, we will shortly begin a renewal process for 2018/19. The Trust Board has agreed to do this without, at this stage, charging a fee for members to renew.

However, the Board has also decided to consult Trust members about future fee levels - both for a member initially joining the Trust and upon renewal. Any fees so agreed will be applied from the start of the 2019/20 season, for new members and renewals.

When a new member joins, his /her membership fee is ring-fenced and not used for any spending. The Trust has an accumulated reserve - the "fighting fund" - into which other income is collected and which is used to meet Trust running costs. To date we have managed to cover those minimal costs from income each year. At this time we do not need to increase fees to cover those costs.

Any need for funds for future investment in the Club is a wholly different matter and would not be dealt with via membership fees

The Trust Board is of the view that we should continue to charge new members £1 and should not ask for a fee from members who renew their membership. However, we plan to seek a formal decision on this from the Trust AGM on Monday 16 July 2018. To assist the Trust AGM to make decisions on these issues, a short online survey has been sent to Trust members. The results of that survey will be reported to the AGM.

Roger Ellis
SBT Secretary
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