

# How Friends help the Society

Formed in 1953, Fernhurst Choral Society (FCS) is a dynamic, mixed-voice choir that performs a wide range of music from many different composers, from Purcell and Handel through to Bernstein, Chilcott and Rutter.

We perform three concerts a year, including at the annual Petersfield Musical Festival, and we are usually accompanied by professional musicians such as the Downland Sinfonia (previously the Fernhurst Chamber Orchestra) or Southern Pro Musica. These concerts use talented young singer soloists, many of whom are at the start of their professional careers. Since 2014 we have also run hugely enjoyable annual "Come & Sing" events; and in recent years we have had successful exchanges with choirs from France, Germany and Switzerland.

FCS activities incur significant expenditure, which is often not covered by membership subscriptions and income from ticket and programme sales and programme advertising. So please support us by becoming a Friend; and help FCS to continue to thrive in the future.

If you are a UK taxpayer, the Gift Aid scheme allows us to reclaim tax on your donation, making it even more valuable.

To become a Friend, please complete the Standing Order form and (if you are a UK taxpayer) the Gift Aid Declaration, and send it to the Friends' Secretary:

Mrs Camilla Hooper  
Hammer Vale Cottage, Hammer Vale  
Haslemere GU27 1QG

If you have any questions about becoming a Friend, please telephone Camilla on 01428 653623 or e-mail her at thehoopers6985@gmail.com

## Standing Order

### To the Manager

..... (Bank or building society)

Branch address .....

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..... Postcode .....

Please pay £ ..... (£50 suggested minimum) to Fernhurst Choral Society (account number 35137268, sort code 30-93-94) on ..... (date), and on the same date each year until further notice.

This Standing Order replaces any existing Standing Order to pay Fernhurst Choral Society.

Signature .....

Date .....

### Account to be debited

Sort code   -   -

Account Number

Name .....

## Gift Aid Declaration

Please treat any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Fernhurst Choral Society as Gift Aid donations.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title ..... First name(s) .....

Surname .....

Full home address .....

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..... Postcode .....

Signature .....

Date .....

Telephone number .....

E-mail .....

Please notify the Friends' Secretary if you: want to cancel this Gift Aid declaration; change your name or home address; or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return, or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

How would you like your name to appear in FCS programmes (e.g. *Mr J Smith, John Smith*)?

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# The benefits of being a Friend

## **Information**

You will receive advance information about FCS events and concerts and our participation in the annual Petersfield Musical Festival, to allow you to plan ahead.

## **Reserved seats**

When you buy tickets for an FCS concert, you and your guests will be given reserved seats in prime positions.

## **Concert Programmes**

As a Friend, your name will be listed in the programme for each FCS concert, and you will receive a free concert programme.

## **Open Rehearsal and Christmas Party**

Each year we have an Open Rehearsal in March, where we usually rehearse music for our forthcoming concert at the Petersfield Musical Festival, and an informal Christmas Party/Concert in December. As a Friend, you will be given two free tickets to each of these events.

Notes:

An FCS concert is one promoted by the Society; it excludes our participation in the Petersfield Musical Festival.

By becoming a Friend, you agree to FCS holding and retaining your personal details as per its Privacy and Data Protection policies.

# Become a Friend of Fernhurst Choral Society

