

FRIENDS of TransWilts Policy

Our TransWilts objective is to carry on activities which encourage and promote increasing usage of public and sustainable transport for the benefit of people living in, working in or visiting Wiltshire County. In particular we represent the interests of local transport users including rail, bus, cycle and other transport related special interest groups in Swindon and Wiltshire, promoting improved connectivity between local services and national networks.

The TransWilts Community Rail Partnership is a sub-group of the legal entity TransWilts Community Interest Company, and consequently Friends of TransWilts CIC includes membership of the CRP.

- Friends receive regular events notifications by email, newsletters and invitations to attend TransWilts events.
- Friends have exclusive password admission to the **Friends Page** on the TransWilts.org web site, which includes Friends only newsletters (current & archive) and Friends only news/events items.
- Friends are entitled to vote at the AGM (normally held in February, which sets the next year's subscription rate) and to attend the Autumn CRP Forum and Conference. (Normally held in September/October)
- Friends have an interest in public transport in Wiltshire and agree to support TransWilts CIC, its Policies and Objectives
- Individual "paid-up" Friends are insured whilst on CRP volunteering activities, subject to all relevant health and safety policy and CRP guidelines being followed.
- Subscription year is 1st November to 31st October
- New Friends joining in August, September and October get their subscription validity extended to 31st October of the following year.
- Friends joining between November 1st to March 31st, pay full subscription rate but receive all the newsletters issued from 1st November
- For new Friends joining between April 1st to 31st August a 50% subscription rate discount applies, but not a discounted joining fee.

- Friends need to renew their subscription by November 30th to continue membership and access to benefits, otherwise a further re-joining fee will be required.
- Past Friends details will be retained for a reasonable period according to current Board policies, to facilitate administration and processing returning Friends applications. (see also our data protection policy)

Current Subscription Rates

Friends Subscription Rates (apply 1st November to 31st October)	Cost per Annum For electronic Newsletters	Cost per Annum for Friends newsletters sent by post	Notes
Joining Fee	£2.00	£2.00	Payable for the initial joining application and returning applications in addition to the current annual subscription rate
Individual rate	£5.00	£8.50	
Student rate	£2.00	£5.50	In full time education
Corporate rate	£15.00	-	Receives posted public newsletters
Corporate Sponsor	£50.00 minimum target £250	-	Receives posted public newsletters and a recognition advertisement/ link on a relevant web site page
Partners and Stakeholder	Contributes substantially in cash and/or in kind benefit	-	Member of TransWilts CIC
Advertisers	Rates for web site advertising by request	-	Receives public newsletters

Payments by standing order please, alternatively a single annual payment can be made electronically including your user name as a payment reference to:

The Cooperative Bank
Bank sorting code: 08-92-99
A/C Number: 65755549
A/C Name: TRANSWILTS

Payments by Cheque should be made payable to TRANSWILTS and included with your printed Application Form which should be sent to:

Friends of TransWilts
PO Box 3781
Swindon
SN2 9GW

Preferred application method is via the web site Friends Page, and include your user name as the cross reference in the electronic payment reference. Once we have received your subscription payment, and approved your application, you will receive a welcome pack by post, including confirming your user number and access password to be used for the Friends areas. Friends applications and renewals are subject to Board approval.

Our Policies, including Data Protection Policy, are available on the www.TransWilts.org/tw/about-us page.

Acceptance of applications to join Friends of TransWilts is subject to the following conditions;

- Agreement of the objectives, policies and guidelines of TransWilts CIC
- The CIC Board act under the legal framework in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The CRP Constitution applies to the TransWilts CRP designated Line activities
- Friends are encouraged to represent their views and give feedback including using the Forum, but should not represent themselves as a separate group or undertake activities against the CIC or CRP
- Friends undertake to keep contact details and subscriptions up to date, notify us at friends@transwilts.org
- Friends using the on line Forum will comply with its etiquette and conduct guidelines

- Friends are our Ambassadors for public transport, many will be actively involved at all levels in TransWilts and represent us to the public. Individual views must not be given as representing TransWilts
- Friends subscriptions help us fund events and activities including the provision of appropriate insurance for Friends volunteers on CRP activities.
- Local area groups are a valuable part of our developing volunteer organisation, we will keep Friends with similar sub group interests and geographies advised of suitable events and opportunities to meet.
- We hope your involvement is interesting, satisfying and that you have some fun!

Q & A

Any questions, please contact the Friends membership secretary Bob Morrison at friends@transwilts.org



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