

Frequently-Asked Questions



This document answers many of the questions asked about Non-Playing membership of Carlton Cricket Club. If something isn't covered, please contact the Membership Secretary – details at the end of the document.

Questions relating to dog-walking are included in a separate FAQ document.

Why should I join ?

Carlton's non-playing members can enjoy the private, pleasant, normally quiet, tree-lined surroundings the club provides. All members can use the club's private bar and entertain guests when the bar is open - on match-days and during other functions.

Carlton Cricket Club has been a feature of the Grange area for around 150 years. It is one of the premier cricket clubs in Scotland, providing a wide range of cricket from elite (the highest level of club cricket in the country) to our large junior section which provides develops young cricketers from across the capital.

How do I Join ?

Ideally, use the web-form via the link on www.carltoncc.co.uk/club/membership/

A majority of members now pay their subscription via online banking, although other forms of payment are welcome – cheque, cash or using the card-reader in the club's bar.

Contact the Membership Secretary who can email a .pdf version or post/deliver a paper Membership Form for you to complete and return with payment.

The form includes the following :

Page 1:

- you will be asked to give the club permission to retain your personal data for the duration of your membership
- the form includes a link to the .pdf document which explains how we use and protect your personal data

Page 2:

- use the tick-boxes to indicate the type of subscription you require
- please enter the total amount (subscription payment + *dog-walking fee/* gate-fob fee + donation)
 - *please note : there is an additional fee for dog-walking fee in addition to your personal membership – please refer to the dog-walking FAQ document for further details*

Page 3:

- contains the club's bank details for payment by online banking
- or you can use the "Notes" section to let the Membership Secretary know you will be sending a cheque, paying via the card-machine behind the bar, paying by cash – or anything else you wish to add regarding your membership application.

What's the cost of membership?

The cost of the different categories of membership is shown on Page 2 of the Membership Form.

There is a discounted rate for members over 60 years of age.

When are membership payments due ?

As a cricket club, our membership "year" starts at the beginning of the cricket season in April. Membership Forms are normally sent to existing members in March/April each year, indicating the date by which memberships should be renewed. On that date, gate-fobs held by lapsed members will be deactivated. We'd be obliged if lapsed fobs could be returned – you can just pop them in the post-box by the gate.

Members are welcome to join throughout the year by contacting the Membership Secretary to arrange a pro-rata payment to cover the period until the start of the next subscription year.

Where does the money go ?

The funds raised by the club are used in a number of different ways :

- to maintain the ground and pavilion. The ground is a significant asset, but also a considerable, and expensive, responsibility.
- to support our extensive cricket operations, the club employs :
 - qualified cricket coaches to train our junior section
 - professional assistance for our volunteer groundstaff
 - Bar-staff, cleaners

As a limited company, accounts are presented for approval at the club's AGM each year. Members are sent notification and are welcome to attend the meeting so that you can assure yourself that your club is being properly managed.

Why is the gate locked ?

As a private club, access to the ground is restricted to members-only.

"Right-to-Roam" does not apply - as a sports facility, unauthorised access is considered trespass with reference to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Chapter 2 Section 6 (1)(e)(i).

Please report any suspicious activity on/around the ground to St.Leonards Police Station by calling 101.

Why is there a charge for gate-access ?

The club has charged its members an additional amount for gate-access for decades. Many of our members only visit whilst matches are in progress - when the gate is unlocked.

Those members who use the ground most frequently, particularly our dog-walking members, pay an additional charge to obtain a fob which opens the gate. We feel their increased use of the club's facilities justifies the additional charge.

CCTV

The pavilion and ground are covered by CCTV cameras. This was installed following, and to deter, break-ins and vandalism. Any images stored are held securely and only viewed for good reason. Signs around the ground clearly indicate CCTV is in operation.

The club follows government guidance on the operation of CCTV equipment in accordance with GDPR and the relevant sections of the Data Protection Act 2018, summarised in the following link :

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/282774/SurveillanceCameraCodePractice.pdf

Any questions regarding the club's use of CCTV should be directed to the Membership Secretary.

How does the gate-fob work ?

Gate-fobs are issued to club members on payment of the appropriate annual charge.

To unlock, hold the gate-fob against the small grey box next to the pedestrian gate. It will display a green light, beep and unlock the gate. There is a white switch inside the gate to exit. Please ensure the gate is closed behind you.

A computer database controls access to the ground. If your membership lapses or is rescinded, your fob will be deactivated and should be returned to the club.

What if my key-fob doesn't work ?

A small number of fobs have failed in the past.

If your membership is up-to-date and your fob doesn't open the gate, please contact the Membership Secretary who will supply you with a new fob (without charge).

What if your key-fob is lost? (or if your dog chews it to pieces !)

Contact the Membership Secretary to obtain a replacement for a small administrative charge to cover the cost.

The lost / damaged fob will then be deactivated.

Can members walk anywhere ?

Pretty much - but members should keep off the "square" in the middle of the ground (actually, it's a rectangle, but that's being pedantic). This is a carefully-tended area - the most important part of the ground for the club's cricketing activities – so we appreciate our members / dogs keeping off this area at all times - even during the off-season when the wickets are softer and even more susceptible to damage. During the off-season, the boundary of the square is normally marked.



Are other games allowed on the ground?

Cricket yes; other ball games – no thanks. There are various activities introduced by coaches as warm-up exercises, but otherwise, we discourage other sporting pursuits.

Football kicked into the nets will damage the netting, excessive wear and tear on the turf would be inevitable and our neighbours would be disturbed.

In the past, we have had problems with non-members trespassing in order to play football. If members were seen to play football on the ground, this would be more difficult to discourage.

Who runs the club ?

The club is run on behalf of its members by a management committee elected at the club's AGM, normally in February/March. Committee members are drawn from the club's local and cricketing membership. Sub-committees oversee different aspects of the club's operations. Anyone willing to contribute to the running of the club should contact the Club President or the Membership Secretary.

Is the club a charity ?

The club does not qualify for charitable status. However, it is a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) - a non-profit organisation run by volunteers in support of a healthy sporting pursuit where income is invested in the club and its activities.

CASC status allows the club to claim Gift Aid on any donations (an additional 25%) from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. You must be a UK tax-payer and indicate a preference for Gift Aid to be claimed on your donation. See notes on Membership Forms or contact the Membership Secretary for further information.

Gift Aid does not apply to subscriptions or gate-access charges with the exception of subscriptions for cricketers under the age of 18.

When is the bar open and can I buy a drink ?

The club's bar is open when senior matches are in progress at the times published by the club. As a member, you would be very welcome to drop into the pavilion for a refreshment, alcoholic or otherwise.

As a stipulation of the club's bar licence, only members and invited guests are allowed to buy alcohol from the bar. Guests should be signed-in by a club member before consuming alcohol.

What social events are organised by the club ?

The club organises various social events through the year. Events are publicised on the club's website and notice-boards. Suggestions for social events and assistance with organising them would be welcomed – please contact the Membership Secretary in the first instance.

How many members does the club have ?

The club has over 750 members, a mix of local supporters, current and former cricketers, many junior and family members and over 100 dog-walking members. Beyond doubt, Carlton is one of the largest and most successful cricket clubs in Scotland.

Who uses the pavilion during the week ?

The club rents the premises to a personal fitness company, InsideOut. It runs exercise classes, physiotherapy sessions and other fitness-related activities.

For details, please see <http://www.insideout-pt.co.uk/> or contact 07951 201 102

What about Playing Membership?

The club has an extensive playing membership, senior and junior, male and female. Enquiries regarding the Playing Membership should be directed to the Membership Secretary (for senior players) and Junior Convenor (for players Under-18) at juniormembers@carltoncc.co.uk

And Finally..... :

This document, and the FAQ document covering Dog-Walking memberships, answers the questions commonly asked of the Membership Secretary. If you have any additional questions, or require additional information or clarification, please feel free to contact :

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