

MEMBERSHIP OFFER OPEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS BUSINESSES & ORGANISATIONS

"The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure that St James is a vibrant place to live and work."
[Exeter St James Neighbourhood Plan]

SUPPORT YOUR TRUST - MAKE THE VISION A REALITY

Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd was founded by Exeter St James Forum (2011-2022) initially signing a 125 year lease to take on the management and regeneration of Queen's Crescent Garden as a community greenspace in perpetuity.

The Trust is a charitable community benefit society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. As a community benefit society it is a not for profit organisation with wholly charitable objects run by and for the community for the benefit of St James.

Membership is open to all over the age of 16 who support our objects:

The objects of the society shall be to carry on any business for the benefit of the residents of St James ward, Exeter, by either all or any of the following means:

- *The preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance;*
- *The provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social circumstances have need of such facilities;*
- *The protection or conservation of the environment;*
- *Assisting in the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need;*
- *The creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms;*
- *The promotion of public safety and prevention of crime;*
- *Such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.*

[extract from Rules of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd]

All members are expected to support the society's objects and are bound by its governing document which explains members' rights as well as details about the

management and constitution of the society. The Rules of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd are found at www.exeterstjames.org (or as a paper copy by application to the Secretary, cost £5).

Membership is secured by the purchase of ordinary shares; **there is no recurring charge or annual subscription**. Democracy is guaranteed as each member will have one, equal vote at meetings regardless of the number of shares held and be able to elect the board and put themselves forward as a director.

Unlike a for profit company a community benefit society does not pay or distribute surpluses or assets to members. Instead these are used exclusively for the benefit of the local community. We are offering an opportunity for people and organisations to contribute to the improvement of St James with the expectation of a social dividend rather than financial reward. Shares will never increase and could reduce in value and are not backed by any compensation scheme or ombudsman. They cannot be transferred but may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Board of the Society.

HELP ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS - BECOME A MEMBER SHAREHOLDER

Membership costs a minimum of £5 for five ordinary shares, each with a nominal value of £1. **Members are free to purchase more than the minimum number of shares.** To become a member please complete the application form, retain this half and return the other to the registered office with payment or indicating payment by bank transfer.

As a charitable organisation, in order to limit our costs and to benefit the environment, **our preferred method of communication is email. You are asked, where possible, to provide a valid email address and to agree to being contacted by this method.*** Your privacy is important: we will keep all personal information confidential in accordance with statutory obligations. Our Privacy Policy can be found on the website.

All applications are subject to the approval of the Board of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd.

PLEASE NOTE: Members are reminded to update the Trust when contact details change or if they no longer wish to continue membership. Where doubt over contact details arises and members are unable to be contacted, they will be classed as untraced members. After a notice period of not less than two months such members' names will be removed from the register, their shares cancelled and their shareholding converted to a donation.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT

TITLE FIRST NAME(S)

SURNAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TEL

EMAIL

IF YOU ARE APPLYING ON BEHALF OF A BUSINESS OR ORGANISATION, PLEASE GIVE THE NAME BELOW (limited to one voting representative and the person named above must be the officially nominated representative of the business or organisation)

PLEASE TICK: PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT *

Let us know all the ways you would like to hear from us

Email

Direct mail (post)

Telephone

**AS A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION OUR
PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION IS
EMAIL.
WHEREVER POSSIBLE PLEASE PROVIDE A VALID
EMAIL ADDRESS**

* You can change your mind at any time by clicking the unsubscribe link in the footer of any email you receive from us or by contacting us at trust@exeterstjames.org

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

I confirm I am over 16.

I have read the offer document and understand the terms of the share offer.

I support the objects of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd and apply to become a member.

TICK ONE BOX

I enclose cash

I enclose a cheque ¹

I will pay by bank transfer with this ref ²

for the amount of

£

for

ordinary shares at £1 per share

Please note minimum of £5 for 5 ordinary shares

Notes:

¹ Cheques payable to "Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd"

² To identify your payment please create a reference using your initials and surname

Bank transfer to Account Name: Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd

Bank: Co-operative Bank

Sort Code: 08 92 99

Account Number: 65741935

SIGNATURE

DATE

For office use only

Date rec:

CASH

CHQ

BACS

Roll No:

Cert No:

Date issued: