

Gift Aid Declaration

Legal name of Charity	Avon Beekeepers Association
Registered Charity number	271717

Details of Donor		
Title.....	Forenames.....	Surname.....
Address.....		
..... Postcode..... Tel No.....		
E-mail address		

I want Avon Beekeepers Association to treat: all donations I have made since 6 th April 2005, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations

Signed	Date...../...../.....
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Notes

1. You can cancel the Declaration at any time by notifying Avon Beekeepers Association.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charities reclaim on your donations in the tax year (currently 28.2p for each £1 you give).
3. **If** your circumstances change in the future and **you no longer pay sufficient tax** on your income and capital gains to equal the tax the charities reclaim, you should cancel **your Declaration** or the Inland Revenue may be able to reclaim tax claimed by the Association.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief contact your Branch Treasurer or ask at your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.
6. Please notify Avon Beekeepers Association if you change your name or address.

The Gift Aid Scheme- Explanatory Notes

The Chancellor's Budget in 2000 made changes in the procedure for reclaiming tax on donations received by charities from individuals who are UK taxpayers.

How did the changes affect Avon Beekeepers Association and its local branches?

Gift Aid

From 6th April 2000, Avon Beekeepers Association (which is the official charity for the Bath, Blagdon and Clevedon, Bristol, Keynsham and Weston Branches) has been able to reclaim the tax from the Inland Revenue on any donation or membership subscription from someone who has completed a Gift Aid Declaration and who pays tax on earned income, occupational pension or savings.

The Declaration can be completed preferably in writing using the form overleaf or alternatively over the telephone or Internet to the branch or ABKA treasurer and confirmed in writing. It is preferable that donations be made by cheque or Banker's Order but cash is acceptable where an official receipt is issued. The member making the gift or subscription must be the same as the person making the Declaration overleaf.

[Any number of Gift Aid donations can be made (to any number of charities) and there is no minimum amount that can be Gift Aided.]

Deeds of Covenant

Deeds of Covenant will be phased out when they expire. In practice almost all Deeds of Covenant for Avon Beekeepers Association are 'everlasting' Deeds which only expire when the donor either stops or misses the agreed donation in a tax year or ceases to be a UK taxpayer. Although an existing Deed of Covenant is acceptable as a Gift Aid Declaration **we would ask all qualifying members to sign a new Gift Aid Declaration as soon as possible, preferably before their next subscription is paid, or 5th April, the end of the tax year, in order for us to have a clean set of records for forthcoming claims.**

Payers of lower rate of tax

Removal of the requirement that donors must pay income tax at the basic rate (22% at 6th April 2005) meant that donors simply have to have paid sufficient tax to cover the amount reclaimed for their gift aided donations and subscriptions in total in any tax year including those to Avon Beekeepers Association. This will allow members who only pay a lower rate of tax to pay subscriptions or give donations under the Gift Aid Scheme.

Why is it important to Avon Beekeepers Association and its Branches that members complete Gift Aid Declarations?

Over the past 5 years the Association has received almost £3000 back under the scheme, of which 75% has been passed back to the branches. We could increase our income considerably if all eligible members would pay their subscriptions and donations under the Gift Aid Scheme. For example on a subscription or donation of £25 we would be able to reclaim £7.05. The giver pays nothing more as he/she has already paid the amount of our claim to the Inland Revenue in taxes.

The remaining 25% of all reclaims is used by Avon to reduce the cost of Educational Services to members and the public such as the provision of Course and lectures, the Handbook, Newsletters, promotional material, etc.

If you have not already signed a gift aid form and are a tax-payer and would like your Branch to benefit financially by permitting us to reclaim tax from the Inland Revenue in respect of subscriptions and gifts you send in the future, please complete and return the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf. Send the completed form to your Branch Treasurer who will then forward it to Avon Beekeepers. (Branch Treasurers may take a copy for their files).