



Hereford Society of Model Engineers



Membership Application / Renewal 2024

Membership is valid from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Please tick one: ☐ New Member, ☐ Renewal

Please tick one: ☐ Full Member £40, ☐ Junior Member £20 (12-18 years of age)

Please use readable block capitals

Applicant details

Name			
Address	<div>.....</div> <div>.....</div> <div>.....</div> <div>.....</div>		
Postcode			
Telephone No.			
Mobile No.			
Email Address			
Date of Birth (For insurance purposes)		Parents signature for Junior Members	

Next of Kin details - Required for Junior Members and optional for Senior Members.

This will give us the ability to get hold of the next of kin of a member in the event of an emergency.

Name			
Address	<div>.....</div> <div>.....</div> <div>.....</div> <div>.....</div>		
Postcode			
Telephone No.			
Mobile No.			
Email Address			

Membership information

The Hereford Society of Model Engineers (HSME) is dedicated to the pursuit of model engineering, in all its facets and welcomes all those with an interest in the subject, be they active modellers or simply those with an active interest in the hobby.

The HSME was inaugurated in 1962 establishing the current site in 1994. Since then the membership had built and financed the extensive facilities which we now enjoy. These include four railways, in gauges from 00 to an extensive 5 and 7½inch railway, a boating pond, club house and numerous workshops and other facilities.

Being a member of the HSME comes with certain obligations; the club has become what it is, almost exclusively, by the efforts of the members. Maintenance, running and financing the club is a continuing requirement and each member is expected to play their part. Tuesdays throughout the year are our main working days. We gather from 9am to 2.30 pm and all who are able are strongly encouraged to come along and participate in the various activities, be they site maintenance, servicing and repairs to rolling stock, machinery, equipment etc. or the various projects we undertake to improve and grow the club. In return tea and soup is provided to be consumed in convivial surroundings. We even have a sandwich van regularly visiting.

We also meet on Saturday mornings mainly to mentor and encourage our group of young engineers though other work is also carried out.

Skills you may have which we may be able to utilise, be they technical, for example, mechanical, electrical, building etc., or social, for example event organisation etc. are welcomed and appreciated.

The membership fees pay for day to day expenses, eg electricity, water, insurance and the myriad other items which inevitably include the free tea we all enjoy (and soup for the Tuesday workers during the winter months). It also pays for our magazine 'Whistlestop' which is issued three times a year.

During the summer months we run various events including a series of public running days. It is these public days that make by far the largest part of our income and finances all our major projects. It is therefore incumbent on those members who enjoy those benefits to assist in running those days. Duties may include driving, being a train guard, staffing the station, signaller, or the various stewarding requirements around the site and car park.

We also attend other events around the Hereford area and the annual Midlands Model Engineering show at Leamington which require similar commitment.

During the open days your membership card entitles the holder to a seat on the trains during quiet periods when there are no paying public queuing for rides. This may not be regarded as a family ticket.

During the winter we meet every second and last Friday evening at the club house. These are social gatherings, usually talks by members, occasionally by guests, slide and film shows and the occasional 'bits and pieces' evening where members display their latest works and talk about them to the rest of us. A Christmas social party and the annual club dinner also fall into this category.

Interests in Model Engineering (e.g. OO Gauge, Clocks, 5" Gauge, etc.)			
Whistle Stop (the club quarterly newsletter) delivery type		<input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Web Download (please tick one)	
My name, email and telephone number may be made available to other HSME members.		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree (please tick one)	
I agree to abide by the conditions laid out in the Constitution of the Society contained in the Members Handbook and any other rules and regulations as issued by the Society and approved by the membership at an Annual General Meeting. Membership card, handbook and website access will be issued following acceptance by the committee.			
Signature		Date	

Please return this form to the HSME Membership Secretary Mr Graham Richards 12 Ainslie Close Hereford HR1 1JH	Cheques payable to: Hereford Society of Model Engineers Ltd or contact membership secretary for bank transfer details	Administration Details (HSME Use Only)	
		Fee Paid	
		Date Accepted	
		Entered on Database	
		Receipt No	
		Membership Number	