



The Essex Association of Change Ringers



Founded 1879 Charity Registration Number 292250
www.eacr.org.uk

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (See Note 1 overleaf)

PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLOCK CAPITALS

Full Name

First names(s)

Surname

Title

e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Revd, Other

- Please tick to confirm that you have read the Rules of the Association and that you are eligible for membership
- Please tick to confirm that you are consenting to the Association holding and processing your personal data and wish to be kept in touch with the Association and its activities. See Note 3 overleaf.

Signed (if 18 or over)

If under 18 years of age please obtain the approval of your parent or legal guardian

Parent/guardian (name)

Signed

Membership category

Ringling / Friend / NRLM *

(See Note 2 overleaf)

* Delete whichever not applicable

For Ratification of Belfry Election (ratification only applies to Ringling or Non-Resident elected prior to a peal attempt) tick here and add date of Belfry Election: _____

Date of birth

Date of Birth information will help give us an age profile of Association Members, enabling us to review from time to time the benefits provided by our Personal Accident Insurance

Home address

Telephone

Email

Post code

Home tower/
unattached

District

Proposed by

Tower

Signed

Seconded by

Tower

Signed

Notes PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES MUST BE RINGING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
IF YOU WISH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO BE SUBJECT TO GIFT AID, PLEASE COMPLETE THE DECLARATION

Gift Aid Declaration (See Note 4 overleaf, especially 4(c) which applies to those aged under 18)

The Essex Association of Change Ringers (EACR) Charity Number 292250

Full name:

Address (if different from above):

In order to Gift Aid your subscription/donation you must tick the box below:

- Yes, I wish the EACR to further benefit from Gift Aid legislation and confirm I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. This declaration applies to all eligible membership subscriptions/donations I have made during the last 4-year period and until further notice.

Signature:

Date:

For Official Use Only (See Note 5 overleaf)

Receipt No: _____ Tick if: Under 18

Elected/Ratified at: _____ on (date) ___/___/___

Has sub been paid?

Amount paid £

N.B. District Treasurer's to send original form to Association Treasurer as soon as possible please

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NOTES (also see Rules 8, 9 and 10, published in the Annual Report)

Note 1: Membership Validity

Election of Members may take place at any business meeting. Prospective members shall apply using the prescribed Application Form and may only be elected by a majority vote of members present. Election is only completed on payment of subscriptions. **Subscriptions become due on election and on the 1st January each year** (cheques are payable to the *Essex Association of Change Ringers*, or *EACR*). Membership is in arrears if the subscriptions due are not paid by 30th April each year and those not paid by 31st December shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association. Lapsed members may be readmitted without election in the year following non-payment if payment of arrears and the current year's subscription are received by 30th April. After this date lapsed members shall be re-elected.

Note 2: Membership Categories

Ringling Member: able to ring changes to a standard suitable for Sunday Service ringing on tower bells or to ring handbells. Changes shall be deemed to include method ringing, call changes and tenor cover on tower bells. Handbell ringers shall be capable of ringing methods on two bells retained in hand. Covered by the Association insurance. Can vote at meetings. Those aged less than 18 years on 1st January are entitled to a 50% reduction in their subscriptions.

Friend: a non-ringer who wishes to be associated with and support the objects and activities of the Association but who is not eligible for membership under any other category. Covered by the Association insurance. Cannot vote at meetings.

Ringling Members or Friends may become "Life-Paid" by paying a lump sum equal to not less than 20 times the annual subscription at the current rate.

Non-Resident Life Member (NRLM): one qualified to be a ringling member who does not live within the Association boundaries and who does not wish to pay an annual subscription. Usually a peal ringer from elsewhere. Ringling Members who have paid five consecutive years subscriptions may become NRLM on moving away on paying the current year's subscription. NRLM moving into the Association area become Ringling Members on payment of current subscription without election. Not covered by the Association insurance. Cannot vote at meetings.

Life Member and Life Vice President: special procedures apply and this form is not valid.

Note 3: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Your privacy is important to us. Please note that the details, which you have provided on this form, will be held on computer systems and a manual filing system, will be processed by the Association and will be included in the Association's annual report and will only be used for ringing purposes. No commercial use will be made of the information provided.

Where you are a tower correspondent or an officer of the Association, it may also be published on the web pages or in newsletters and provided to third parties such as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (who may publish it on the CCCBR website), The Ringing World Limited (for publication in *The Ringing World*, *The Ringing World* website or *The Ringing World Diary*), and to other ringers upon request. The data may also be sent to ringers or bellringing associations outside the European Economic Area (*i.e. the 28 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway*) upon request. Details of peals rung on behalf of the Association, including names of the ringers, will be sent to *The Ringing World* and may also be published on the Internet e.g. *BellBoard* and *Pealbase*.

The data will be destroyed when you cease to be a member of the Association unless you have signed the Gift Aid declaration when the data will be destroyed seven years after you cease to be a member. Any restrictions to the consent should be notified in writing separately to the Association's Data Controller. Information about how we use your personal data is set out in our privacy notice, published at <https://eacr.org.uk/about/rules/privacy-policy.pdf>.

You have the right to request access to personal information held about you by the Association under Article 15 of the GDPR. Subject access only gives the applicant a right of access to their own information and not that of third party individuals. If you wish to make a 'subject access request' (SAR), please contact the Association Data Controller. Please note: there is no charge for processing a subject access request application. However, where the request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, we may charge a reasonable fee for the administrative costs of complying with your request. If a fee is applicable you will be advised accordingly.

Note 4: Gift Aid

If you pay UK Income Tax (including tax on savings and pensions) or Capital Gains Tax and this is at least equal to the amount the EACR, and any other charity/CASC you donate to will reclaim on your donations (25p for every £1 donated) in the tax year (6th April – 5th April), then you can gift aid your subscriptions/donations. (Council tax and VAT do not count).

- Please notify the charity if you: want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address; or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.
- If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.
- Subscriptions can be Gift Aided if payment is made by a parent/guardian on behalf of a child aged under 18.**
- If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity treasurer@eacr.org.uk, or you can visit www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity.

Note 5: For Official Use Only

District Secretaries/Treasurers please note that the Association Treasurer must be sent the original copy of this form for Membership and Gift Aid purposes. You are advised to keep a copy for your own records. The date and place of election, payment receipt number and any age details **must** be recorded in the spaces provided otherwise the form will be returned for completion as this may be required by HM Revenue & Customs for audit purposes.