



## Membership Application

### Co-operative company

Common Cause is a co-operative company that works towards sustainable development and livelihoods. Our values are based on co-operation, self-help, democracy, equity and solidarity. Membership is an important aspect of being a co-operative community organisation. Members give vitality, inspiration and strength, help design and develop our projects, and ensure partnership working. Membership is open to any person or organisation who shares our aims, or is a user of our services or an employee. You can find information about our aims and activities on our website [www.commoncause.org.uk](http://www.commoncause.org.uk)

### Our Aims

Our aims are to support:

- Economic and environmentally sustainable community development
- Local food production and connections between producers and consumers
- Agricultural development sensitive to the landscape and its biodiversity
- Social enterprises and initiatives.

### Membership benefits

Members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the company and can help us with policies and new initiatives. Members can also gain experience and skills by taking part in our projects.

### Responsibilities of membership

Members are encouraged to volunteer a minimum of 6 hours annually to support the work of Common Cause. This could include practical help at events and projects or by helping with research work and administration.

Common Cause is a company limited by guarantee which means that on becoming a member, you promise to pay £1 if the company collapses and you are not liable for any other costs. Members may attend and vote at General Meetings and are entitled to cast one vote.

### Membership Fee

Membership is conditional on payment of the annual membership subscription. The membership fee is on a sliding scale of between £3 and £15 depending on how much you are able to afford. Group or organisation membership fees are negotiable.

A register of members is kept by Common Cause to include: name, address, and the date membership commenced.



## Membership Form

- **I would like to become a member of Common Cause Co-operative Ltd.**
- **I agree to the aims and objectives of Common Cause.**
- **I promise to pay up to £1 in the event of the company going into liquidation.**

I agree to have my address kept on file and used for sending me information relevant to the work of Common Cause and I understand this will not be shared with other individuals or organisations without my consent.

I enclose the annual membership fee of •£3, •£5, •£10, •£15 (please tick which one applies depending on how much you can afford) for the calendar year.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact details (please write in block capitals)

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone(s):	
E-mail:	

Please indicate which projects or activities you would like to be involved in (we suggest a minimum of 6 hours a year)

- Lewes Farmers Market
- Flourish Project
- Lewes Community Allotment
- Ringmer Community Orchard
- Special events
- Surveys, research, admin

Other suggestions or additional comments (please use more paper if needed):

**for office use: joined month/year:**

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