

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SCHEME

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Membership Support Scheme is here to help members who find themselves in temporary financial or social difficulties where paying an annual membership fee would cause hardship or unnecessary stress.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The scheme can only be used for current members to cover the cost of membership fees.
- Applications can be made for themselves or on behalf of someone else.
- The applicant can request a membership extension of 3, 6 or 12 months.
- The NWR CEO will review the request and respond to the applicant within one week.
- If the request is denied then the applicant can appeal to the NWR Trustees for a review and a response made within 2 weeks. The Trustees' decision will be final.
- If the request is granted then membership will be extended for either 3, 6 or 12 months at no cost to the member.
- All requests should be made by email or letter addressed to the National Office.

CRITERIA

The criteria for the support may include but is not limited to:

- Where a member is experiencing financial hardship
- Where, at the point of renewal, it is felt that it is inappropriate to contact the member due to their illness.
- Where, at the point of renewal, it is felt that it is inappropriate to contact the member due to a family or partner illness.

Document version history

Version	Description of changes	Date
2	Jan Fuller	September 2024
3	Deirdre McCarthy – replaced HOD with CEO, no further changes to policy made. Formatting changes made	25 March 2026