



**Be part of our  
friendlier society**

**Member application**

# Hello

## from the Oddfellows

Maybe you've heard of us – we're one of the oldest and biggest friendly societies in the UK. And if you feel like getting more out of life, we'd love you to join us.

Whether you're looking to meet new people and make new friends, try new interests and activities, or simply have the support of friends around you – the Oddfellows is here for you.

With over 320,000 members and 132 local Branches nationwide, there's bound to be something near you to get involved with and have fun.

And all for only £28 a year if paying by Direct Debit, which works out at less than £2.50 a month!

So what exactly do you get out of an Oddfellows membership?

# Well, lets take a look at five great reasons to join...



**Friends – the  
secret to a healthier,  
longer life!**



If you'd be more comfortable reading about us online, visit our website at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)

Reason 1

# You'll have fun and make new friends

We host a whole range of different activities and events all across the country, bringing like-minded people together to enjoy the lighter side of life. And, seeing as we've been doing it for over 200 years, we know a thing or two about helping people make new friends and have fun.

## Events and activities to suit everyone

Each month, our local Branches organise hundreds of social events up and down the country. We run such a broad range of activities, there's sure to be something to take your fancy – whether you're into being active, walks and talks, arts and crafts, food and drink, or even just having a coffee and a chat.

It's as simple as finding an event that interests you and popping along. Our Branch volunteers make sure to give every new member a warm welcome and introduce them to the rest of the group.

Whatever your hobbies and interests, you'll be able to share them with others like you.



**Branches UK wide  
= friendship nearby!**



All our helplines  
are free to call

Reason 2

# You'll always have someone to turn to

As a member, you'll always be able to count on our care and support in times of trouble. From friendly and helpful advice through to financial aid, we're always here to make life a little easier for our members.



## Care and welfare

We run a number of support services to help our members if problems arise, from local members who provide a listening ear and wellbeing support to others, through to dedicated helplines and Citizens Advice specialists.

We provide a number of discretionary financial benefits for our members' welfare too – including contributions towards the costs of maintaining your dental and optical health,

household emergency and personal distress grants, financial support for children who have suffered parental loss, practical help following illness as well as carers' breaks. We also provide legal assistance for members experiencing problems at work, or who have suffered personal injuries or medical negligence.

So if you ever face difficult times, you won't have to face them alone.

Reason 3

# You'll get exclusive deals and offers

We've been around for long enough to have made good friends with lots of other organisations and helpful business partners, and here are a couple of examples.





See our privacy tips  
online to help keep  
your money safe

## Discounts

From cinema tickets, grocery shopping and home insurance to holidays and a new car – Oddfellows Extra can help you to save money on life's purchases – big and small.

We offer our members so many different deals and money-off offers that we have a dedicated page on our site to list them all and keep them up to date.

Managed and run on behalf of the Oddfellows by Parliament Hill Ltd, this online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers is available to members from day one. There's no sign-up process or extra charge.

## Travel Insurance

As so many of our members have an interest in getting out, about, and seeing the world, we work with travel insurers JustTravelcover.com to help our members get extensive cover which includes pre-existing medical conditions or on-going illness – all with a 10% members' discount.

We do our best to enable our members to get out and enjoy themselves, not feel tied down because of existing health conditions, and keep them – and their pockets – happy.

Reason 4

# You can travel places with friendly faces

One of the best parts of going out and seeing the world is sharing the experience with other people. We are proud of helping our members broaden their horizons – either with other Oddfellows, with their own friends and family or with other travellers.



## Active Travel Club

One thing that many of our members have in common, aside from being generally lovely people, is their love for travelling. Our Active Travel Club organises group holidays perfectly tailored to our members' interests and needs, so members – whether they are single, with a partner or friends – will always be with friendly faces. By making use of travel offers, our Active Travel Club lets our members see the world for less than you might think, and in the very best of company.



**We offer lots of ways  
to see the world**

## Travel Friends Scheme

Independent travel allows the flexibility to explore holiday destinations at your own pace, but we know some prefer to travel with other people.

Our Travel Friends Scheme helps would-be solo travellers to track down a holiday companion to see the sights with and to share the travel experience.

We're more than happy to help put like-minded members in touch when they're looking for a new buddy to get away with.

So if you fancy exploring the world in good company, let us know!





Over 200 years  
of history at your  
fingertips



We've got a unique collection of interesting historical bits and pieces – from magazine articles to directories and reports. All our members get full online access to our archives, free to browse through and research any time they wish.

Reason 5

# You can explore social history 24/7

Our archives hold over 200 years of genealogical, social and organisational history – and they're all yours to browse and research any time you like.

# Become a member today

So there you have it – five great reasons why we've been one of the UK's favourite friendship societies for over 200 years.

If you feel like we can help you get that little bit more out of life, why not become a member?

Simply fill out the application form overleaf and we'll send you everything you need to get involved, have fun, and make the most of your membership.

## More information

This is really just the tip of the iceberg. See what our members have to say about us, read more about all the benefits of joining, and even see what events are

going on in your area that you'd like to get involved with.

Visit **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)** to see all the ways we can help you get more out of life.

## Need a hand?

Our friendly staff are on hand to help guide you through the application process and answer any queries you may have. We'd love to hear from you.

Simply call us on 0800 028 1810. Our lines are open 9am–5pm Mon–Thurs, and 9am–4pm on Fridays. But feel free to leave a message outside those times and we'll get right back to you the next working day.

## Terms and conditions of membership

The membership benefits are discretionary. The package of benefits depends on the surpluses of the Oddfellows. Both the membership fee and the package of benefits are subject to periodic review, and so may change over time.

Applicants for membership must be aged 18 years or over. There is no upper age limit to membership.

Membership and qualification periods for benefits will commence from the date your membership fee is accepted.

Social events may vary from Branch to Branch and there may be some areas that do not hold social events. Please check our website for events in your area – **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)** or **0800 028 1810**.

Members must be resident in the British Isles when they first join.

The Oddfellows reserves the right to refuse membership.

# Terms and conditions

## Care and welfare

Terms and conditions apply to member benefits and services – for details visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions) or call **0800 028 1810**.

## Discounts

Terms and conditions apply to member benefits and services. Offers subject to change without notice. Insurance is subject to underwriting – for details visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers)

## JustTravelcover.com key facts

Terms and conditions apply. Please call us on **0800 028 1810** for details or visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/JustTravel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/JustTravel)

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## Direct Debit Guarantee

This Guarantee should be retained by the Payer.

This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme.

The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society.

If the amounts to be paid or the payment dates change, the Oddfellows will notify you at least 14 working days in advance of your account being debited as otherwise agreed.

If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by the Oddfellows or your Bank or Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund of the amount from your Bank or Building Society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the Oddfellows asks you to.

You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by writing to your bank or Building Society. Please also send a copy of your letter to the Oddfellows.

# Membership application form

Title eg Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Address

First name

Surname

Date of birth

Postcode

Mobile phone number

Home phone number

Email address

## Which of the following applies to you?

Married

Widow/Widower

Single or Divorced

Living with partner

## To join your partner, please enter their details below:

Title eg Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

First name

Surname

Date of birth

## If you were introduced to us by a current member, please enter their details below:

Title eg Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

First name

Surname

Membership number (if known)

Postcode



# Getting to know you better

## Which of the following applies to you?

I work full-time

I am a carer

I am retired

I work part-time

I am a volunteer

Other (please state)

Are there any events or activities you would particularly like to see organised?  
(please state)

## Getting involved in the Society

Would you be interested in attending a social event where you learn more about the Society?  Yes  No  Maybe

Would you be interested in getting more involved by attending our general business meetings?  Yes  No  Maybe

Do you need transport to attend social events and/or meetings? (We cannot guarantee lifts but we will do our best to help you out.)  Yes  No  Maybe

Are you able to offer lifts to social events to nearby members?  Yes  No  Maybe

Do you have any care or welfare issues you would like to discuss when we contact you?  Yes  No  Maybe

## Volunteering opportunities

Would you be interested in volunteering your time to help with Branch activities?  Yes  No  Maybe

Examples of volunteering include:

- Helping out at events, meeting and greeting, and generally lending a hand
- Writing articles or taking photographs for the District newsletter
- Phoning or visiting ill or older members and linking them with Oddfellows care and welfare services.

If you are interested, your Branch Secretary will be in touch to have a chat about it.

# Ways to pay

**1. Cheque/Postal order for £30 (per person) made payable to 'The Oddfellows'.**

Please return in the freepost envelope provided.

**2. By completing your credit or debit card details below.**

**The debit fee will be £30 per person**

Maestro    Visa    Mastercard    Delta

Card number

Expiry Date

Start Date

Issue No.

Security Code

Name (as it appears on credit/debit card)

Date of application

**3. Call 0800 0281 810 to pay £30 (per person) with your credit/debit card details.**

**4. By completing the Direct Debit form overleaf to pay a discounted fee of £28 per person. You can also pay by Direct Debit by calling us on 0800 028 1810.**

**5. Online at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)**

Please be assured that any information you provide will be used to administer your membership. The data may be shared between the local Branch and central office but never disclosed to third parties without your knowledge or consent. We will not make your name available to any other organisation.

We may wish to inform you about other Oddfellows products and services that may be of interest to you; you can unsubscribe at any time.

If you do not want us to do this, please tick

**For office use only**

Branch number

Has payment been received by the Branch?

Yes    No



# Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Service User Number

Membership Number (for office use only)

8 3 0 9 1 4

Name & full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager

Name(s) of Account Holders

Signature

Date

Bank or Building Society Account Number

Branch Sort Code

## Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay the Oddfellows Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with the Oddfellows and so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society. Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debits from some types of accounts.

**Being an Oddfellow is now engrained in our family's DNA. I'm a 5th generation 'Oddie' and very proud to part of the Society today.**

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**PAUL EYRE**

South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire member



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**Joining the Oddfellows has given me the confidence to really live life to the full. I've made so many great friends. It's just brilliant.**

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**PETER CARMODY**

Cleveland and Durham District member

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