

Application for Membership of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust

Annual membership requires a minimum donation of £15. Annual membership runs from 1st January to 31st December. Annual members must renew by 1st May.

Life membership is available for a one off payment of £300.

You are encouraged to pay your annual subscription by Bankers Order. Please also consider signing the Gift Aid Declaration. If you pay UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax you can increase the value of your donation at no cost to you by signing our Gift Aid Declaration.

Please complete and return your form to:
Membership Secretary
Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust
30 Francis Street
STORNOWAY
Isle of Lewis
HS1 2ND

The form must be signed by each person who wishes to join the Trust. (The blank form may be photocopied.)

I wish to become a member of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust. I enclose herewith a cheque/postal order/bankers order for £..... being my donation for one year. (Please make cheques payable to Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust.) In the event of the Gatliff Hebridean Trust being wound up while I am a member, or in the course of the year following the date of my cessation of membership, I agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 should I be requested to do so.

Signature _____

Name in Full _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Date _____

It is also possible to pay in Euros or via PayPal.

Details from membership@gatliff.org.uk

The Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust is a company limited by guarantee. Registered No: SC111557.

Charity No: SC013660. Registered Office: 30 Francis Street, STORNOWAY, Isle of Lewis HS1 2ND.

Our Simple Hostels

run by Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust.



You can find Gatliff Hostels at:

Beararaigh (Berneray) Isle of Uist

21 beds OS sheet no 18 NF 932814

Two thatched cottages on Berneray's eastern beach. Wide views of the Sound of Harris & the hills of South Harris

Reinigeadal (Rhenigidale) Isle of Harris

12 beds OS sheet no 14 NB 229018

A croft house in a remote village in a secluded bay at the foot of Loch Seaforth. Views over the Minch & NW Scotland.

Tobha Mor (Howmore) Isle of South Uist

16 beds OS sheet no 24 NF 757365

A thatched house amidst ruins of a 13th century church site between bog & machair. Views over South Uist's three highest peaks. (Plus a separate kitchen/common room building & cycle shed.)

Our hostels are also known as Crofters' Hostels.



Join the Hebridean Hostellers

Enjoyed your stay at our simple hostel?
Loved the Outer Hebrides?

Want to support "youth hostels as they ought to be"?
Want to get involved with the hostels
run by hostellers, for hostellers?
Then join the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust.

The Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust, a Scottish Charity constituted as a Company Limited by Guarantee, is dedicated to running simple hostels in the Outer Hebrides to a sound basic standard in partnership with islanders. It currently owns hostels on the Isle of Berneray, at Howmore, South Uist and at Rhenigidale, Isle of Harris.

The Object of the Trust is to help all, especially young persons of limited means, to a greater knowledge and love of and respect for the Isles, particular by providing or encouraging the provision of simple accommodation for use in their travels within the isles. Membership is open to all who support this goal. By joining the Trust, you are helping to ensure that these unique places continue to provide those opportunities at affordable prices. Your commitment, enthusiasm and voluntary effort can also help the Trust in the islands and elsewhere.

We are proud to be a voluntary organisation with the Hostelling Scotland family.

Berneray Hostel





Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer paying Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, you can increase the value of your donation by 25p per pound at no cost to yourself by signing a Gift Aid Declaration.

Legacies

If you have a Will or are planning to write a Will, why not leave us a legacy? We are a registered charity. Legacies from UK citizens to UK charities are tax free to the estate of the donor. All you need to do is to state in your Will, or a Codicil, "I leave £x (or a share of my residuary estate) to the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust, Registered Charity SC013663."

Become a volunteer

Why not go one step further and become an activist for the hostels? Our Trust is run entirely by volunteers thus helping to maintain "the Gatliff Difference" and keeping our charges as low as possible. You will be committing your time and skills, with others, to help maintain our hostels. The Trust presents a range of rewarding and positive experiences in a variety of contexts with opportunities to gain transferable, life enhancing, skills.

There are Trustee lead work parties at the hostels once or twice a year but there are also opportunities for individual enterprise and initiative. Whilst we do ask volunteers to work within the agreed policies, priorities and budget of the Trust, we also require individuals to take ownership of projects. All our electrical, gas and plumbing work has to be carried out by properly certificated tradespeople, but there is plenty of scope for people who are interested in traditional skills, such as thatching and stone work. There are plenty of opportunities for painting, gardening and planning at the hostels and support activities behind the scenes.

Express your interest: membership@gatliff.org.uk

Our Simple Hostels

Our hostels are for walkers and cyclists travelling alone or with one or two companions. They are ideal for families with adventurous children. All our hostels are converted croft houses. They are simply built stone houses with two or three rooms. Two of our hostels are thatched.

We provide comfortable bunk beds in dormitories heated by electricity, a well-equipped members' kitchen with a fridge, microwave and cooker, a friendly common room with a multi-fuel stove, books and games and, of course, a shower and toilet.

We provide no private rooms. Please do not expect luxury but do expect a comfortable well equipped hostel which is wind, weather proof and cosy. We are open 24/7, 365 days a year. Our doors never close.

You can find a full description of each of our hostels and what they have to offer on our website, www.gatliff.org.uk and read the Trust's advice on how to get the best out of a stay at one of our simple hostels.

No advanced booking

We take no advanced bookings but you will not be turned away. Our hostels are rarely full. They act as places of refuge on wet and windy nights. We cannot predict usage even at the last minute.

When you arrive at the hostel find an empty bed and make it with your sleeping bag (or hire a bag from the hostel). The bed remains yours for the duration of your stay.

Being a Member

Members receive our newsletters which keep them up to date with the hostels, the islands and volunteering opportunities. They are also invited to our Annual General Meeting and members' forum.



Bankers Order

To the Manager (Please print name and address of your bank)

Postcode _____

Please credit Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust
Account No 00115450 Bank of Scotland, Lochmaddy,
North Uist HS6 5AA Sort Code 80-05-60

Debiting my account No _____

Sort Code _____

Immediately upon receipt of this order and thereafter on 1st January annually until further notice, quoting my name, (surname, forename) as reference.

The sum of £.....(in figure) (£15 minimum)

Signature _____

Name in Full _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

NB: If you want to pay by bankers order simply return your completed bankers order. If you wish to pay your first sub by cheque and thereafter by bankers order, strike out the words "immediately upon receipt".

Gift Aid Declaration

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed _____

Date _____