



# Croydon Astronomical Society

## Membership Application Form 2020 – 2021

Please return to:

Croydon Astronomical Society (membership dept)  
49 Foxgrove Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 5AR

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Title: ..... Surname: .....

First Name(s): .....

Address: ..... Home Tel. No: .....

..... Mobile Tel. No: .....

..... Postcode: ..... Date of Birth (if under 18): .....

Email Address: ..... @ .....

**Donation of Money:** As there is no set membership subscription, Croydon Astronomical Society invites and relies on donations to cover its running costs. **For UK tax payers, circling “YES” below will allow the Society to reclaim 25p on every £1 of your donation – please see the notes on ‘Gift Aid’ overleaf.**

Please tick as appropriate:

I enclose a cheque / cash\* for £..... made payable to Croydon Astronomical Society; or

I have made a bank transfer to Croydon Astronomical Society (banking details overleaf) for £..... on (date) ...../...../20..... with the following reference: (*please use your surname and initials so we can identify the payment*) .....

\* Please delete as appropriate. Please do not send cash through the post

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**I want to Gift Aid my donation**

**YES / NO**

*(please circle)*

If I choose to make a cash donation to the Society, I would prefer to do so using the “Little Grey Box” and my donation is less than £30.

**Application:** I apply to **become a member** of the Croydon Astronomical Society (the “Society”) for the year to 31st August 2021.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Society. I consent to this personal data being held and used in accordance with the Society’s Privacy Notice which can be found at the Society's website:

[www.croydonastro.org.uk](http://www.croydonastro.org.uk).

Your data is not passed on to any third parties.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

See over...

**Membership of the Croydon Astronomical Society (the “society”):** Welcome to the Croydon Astronomical Society. The society was founded in 1956 and was registered as a charity in England and Wales in 1967. In 2020 the society incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the following objects:

*To advance education in the science of astronomy and related subjects for the public benefit in Croydon and the surrounding area by*

- a) encouraging a popular interest in astronomy and allied subjects;*
- b) helping beginners, irrespective of their age, to acquire a knowledge of astronomy and allied subjects; and*
- c) providing facilities for practical work and active participation in astronomical observation.*

Support from our members through their donations of time and money allows us to put on a varied and interesting programme of talks at the Royal Russell School, maintain and enhance our Norman Fisher Observatory at Kenley and helps us in our outreach to visitors. Please have a chat with one of our committee members if you would like to get involved - perhaps by giving a short (around 20 minutes) talk at a meeting, or welcoming groups of visitors to our observatory, or assisting with the maintenance/enhancement of our observatory, or assisting with the society’s stand at external events or assisting beginners in selecting and using their telescopes / photographic equipment.

**Society Communications:** I opt to receive communications (usually by email) about the society’s meetings and events. I note that I can unsubscribe at any time. By agreeing to receive these communications I realise that I may continue to do so even if my membership lapses (*please circle*): **YES | NO**.

**External Forum:** 'croydonastro' is a web based discussion forum hosted on Google Groups which is open to both members and non-members worldwide. It is used to discuss topics related to astronomy and to share and discuss the process of creation of astronomical images. Please notify us in writing using the [contact page](#) on our website to if you wish to join. You can unsubscribe at any time.

**Gift Aid:**

- **Gift Aid boosts your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.**
- Gift Aid is reclaimed by Croydon Astronomical Society from HMRC from the tax you pay in the current tax year.
- By circling ‘YES’ you confirm (i) that you are a UK taxpayer and (ii) that you understand that if you pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of your donations (not just donations to Croydon Astronomical Society) then it is your responsibility to pay any difference.
- Please notify us in writing using the [contact page](#) on our website to if you wish to (i) cancel this declaration, (ii) change your name of home address or (iii) no longer pay sufficient tax on your income or gains. We will write back to confirm receipt of your instruction.
- If you pay Income Tax at the additional or higher rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

**Society’s Banking Details:**

Bank:	HSBC UK
Sort Code:	40-40-30
Account Name:	Croydon Astronomical Society
Account Number:	81035592
Reference:	<b><i>Essential - Please use your surname and initials so we can identify your payment</i></b>