


SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY FORM

New Member Name(s) (enter details below)	Mobile Number(s) (adults only)	Adult / Child* <small>*(delete as appropriate for children please indicate month/year when 18)</small>
1)		Adult / Child
2)		Adult / Child
3)		Adult / Child
4)		Adult / Child
5)		Adult / Child
6)		Adult / Child

Home Address		 www.southheighton.org
Post Code		
Emergency Contact Name/Number	<small>(to be used in case of an accident or injury that may occur during an out-meeting)</small>	
Email address(es) <small>More than one email can be added.</small>		
I want to join SHBS because (enter the reason you would like to join, if you already know members please enter their name(s))		
Have you been/are a member of any other Bonfire Society and if so which one(s)?		

The information you provide is not shared with any 3rd parties and will only be used for the purpose of contacting you relating to SHBS matters. This information is stored as per our Privacy Policy below.

If I/we were accepted as a member I/we would be able to help in the following ways? (please tick all that apply)

Fundraising and fetes that SHBS attend		Fire-site clear up the day after	
Helping at SHBS jumble sales		Marshalling at SHBS night and other out-meetings	
Torch and banner making		Effigy creation and making	
Fire-site assembly		General logistics and transportation of items on SHBS night	
Any job on the night of the SHBS procession		Any other activity that should arise	

Annual subscription fees are as follows. Details of how to pay will be sent to you on acceptance of your application to become a member.

Adult (18+) **£20.00** Children (under 18) **£5.00**

Costume/Smugglers Jumpers: When attending an out-meeting you must wear costume or a *knitted* 'smugglers' jumper. If you have any costume questions please ask. If you would like a knitted 'smugglers' jumper details of how to order or the knitting pattern and wool colour details can be found on our website at <http://southheighton.org/bonfire/jumpers/>. Note: it is your responsibility to ensure that all costumes/jumpers are fully fire retardant.

Membership to the society will give you -

- Access to member's spectator area for bonfire and fireworks.
- Annual, highly collectable membership badges, issued on Membership night.
- Inclusion in SHBS torchlight procession.
- Invites to other bonfire society celebrations.
- Quarterly Newsletter - sent by email if address provided.

Declaration: The information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge and myself and others named on this form agree to abide by the society rules (contained overleaf and available within the current membership section of our website.) Bringing the society into disrepute may result in being banned from our society or our society being banned from attending other societies out-meetings. I hereby agree that SHBS will not be held responsible should I break the rules.

Signed _____ **Print Name** _____ **Date** _____

South Heighton Bonfire Society retain the right to refuse/revoke membership at any time

Please return this form to; Stuart Gostock, 29 Wellington Road, Denton, Newhaven, BN9 0RD
 Or scan this form and email as an attachment to southheightonbs@gmail.com Revised 31/07/2024
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South Heighton Bonfire Society Rules & Recommendations

Rules

- 1) To become a member of South Heighton Bonfire Society you must be aged 18 or over, unless you are attached to an over 18 adult membership.
- 2) You must be proposed by an existing SHBS Member. The proposing member may also be held accountable for any disrepute you may bring against the Society. If you do not have a proposer, please come to one of our monthly meetings and introduce yourself – we won't bite!
- 3) Your membership will not be valid unless approved by the SHBS Committee.
- 4) Existing memberships will cease on Membership Night (Badge Night) unless renewed on the same night. You will no longer be considered part of the society until your membership is renewed.
- 5) Existing members must renew their membership before attending any out-meetings or requesting any coach seat reservations.
- 6) Members and non-members cannot walk in procession without valid membership.
- 7) Membership is only valid until the following Badge Night.
- 8) Any existing members wishing to not renew, will have their email removed from the mailing list and be removed from the Facebook Group "South Heighton Bonfire Society (closed group for members only)" by the night of the SHBS Event Night (around Nov 10th each year).
- 9) Membership will be closed to new members between 1st Oct and 1st Jan each year.
- 10) Members will only be allowed to march in procession if wearing SHBS themed costume i.e. Smugglers, Barbarian or Period Military costume.
- 11) Smugglers costume consists of a royal blue and yellow striped jumper and **white** (not beige) trousers. Members who do not wear the correct coloured jumper/trousers will not be allowed to march until the problem is rectified.
- 12) Suitable footwear must be worn. Strong boots are recommended either black or dark brown. Trainers are not permitted.
- 13) Backpacks / rucksacks are not to be worn in procession. Please use shoulder mounted canvas bags if required.
- 14) All members are responsible for their own safety and that of junior members under their supervision.
- 15) Junior members (under the age of 16) are not allowed to march in the procession without the close supervision of an adult at all times.
- 16) Members shall not bring the society into disrepute; anyone found doing so may have membership revoked.
- 17) Members of the society shall march in ranks of three during processions with adequate spacing in front and behind each rank; this not only looks good but is safe for all and allows for moving to the side if required for emergency services.
- 18) All members shall follow instructions given by marshals and officers of the society or host society when on out meetings.
- 19) It is illegal to throw fireworks in a public place. South Heighton Bonfire Society do not condone this activity and can take no responsibility and cannot be held liable for the dropping or throwing of fireworks at any time by its members.
- 20) South Heighton Bonfire Night is a strictly banger/drop down free evening. Any members found throwing/dropping bangers either during the procession or on the fire site will have their membership revoked.
- 21) Bookings for coach seats for out-meetings can be made via here <http://southheighton.org/bonfire/outmeetings-2> and must be adhered to as set out in the rules on the same link.
- 22) Membership is not transferable.

Recommendations

- 1) Wear strong, sturdy boots (preferably leather), a head covering and leather gloves.
- 2) Make costumes out of fire retardant fabrics (or spray with a fire retardant spray.)
- 3) The bonfire tradition goes back centuries and part of that includes aerial fireworks. You may wish to use eye & ear protection, especially for younger members.
- 4) Remember, during the early season processions it is usually quite warm but by the middle of November there is a definite chill in the air so dress appropriately.
- 5) Don't drink too much too quickly, remember it's a long night, enjoy it.
- 6) Don't drink openly during the procession, whilst it's ok to take a surreptitious slug from a hip flask it does not look good to be wandering along with a can or glass in your hand.
- 7) Torches will occasionally flare and flame run down the stick. DON'T PANIC, hold the torch with head down and away from you and it should settle.
- 8) When in procession hold torches tilted away from you, if you are in an outside rank hold torch in outside hand slightly in front of you. This looks better and ensures the safety of those around you.
- 9) When discarding torches drop in the gutter at the side of the road if possible, or on the road directly in front of you if you are in the middle rank of the procession.
- 10) If you see a member of the public with a torch relieve them of it if you feel able, remaining polite but firm.
- 11) If you see something that concerns you, please bring it to the attention of the marshals who will let the appropriate people know and take the appropriate action.

Bonfire is fun; the above are rules are to help everyone have good time, safely.

CHAIRMAN
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