

KENT POTTERS ASSOCIATION

The Kent Potter's Association was formed in 1974, and includes professionals, amateurs, teachers and students. Our monthly meetings cover discussions, visits to museums, lectures, workshops and demonstrations, often by internationally known potters.

A newsletter is circulated to members giving details of future events, other exhibitions, notes from demonstrations or lectures, potter's tips and items wanted or for sale.

We also participate in events such as the "Art In Clay" festival at Hatfield House and Farnham.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND RATES

The membership types and their rights are defined in the constitution below.

The KPA year is **1st January to 31st December**. The current rates for UK residents are as follows:

Full Membership	£20.00
Student Membership	£15.00
Family Membership	£35.00

CONSTITUTION

1 The Society will be known as "Kent Potter's Association".

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To provide a forum to discuss and implement practical schemes to benefit potters in Kent.
- 2.2 To promote and develop good Craftsmanship in the production of pottery.
- 2.3 To encourage mutual co-operation in preference to competition among members.
- 2.4 To promote education, involvement and understanding of pottery and ceramics to the benefit of all sectors of the community in Kent and beyond.

3 MEMBERSHIP

There are three classes of membership:

Full Members: who have the right to submit exhibits for selection and the right to vote at meetings.

Student Members: those following a full-time ceramics course. Cannot submit for exhibitions nor vote at meetings.

Family Members: Residing at the same address of whom two have Full membership. Membership shall be open to anyone engaged in the production of pottery and/or teach the craft, or anyone interested in the work of potters, or representatives of organisations interested in the craft.

4 ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 The administration will consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and a maximum of ten committee members with the power to co-opt. A quorum will consist of five members.
- 4.2 Members of the Administration will be elected for a two year period. Thereafter, they may be re-elected annually for further one year periods. Officers, however, may hold a particular office for a maximum period of three years.
- 4.3 A full session of the Committee has the right and duty to expel any member who persistently in the course of their work conducts their affairs in a manner that could bring the Kent Potters Association as a whole into disrepute.
- 4.4 All decisions to be reached by the democratic procedure of majority vote.
- 4.5 Membership records may be held on computer at the discretion of the Committee. Such records of personal data shall consist of a basic record of Name, Address and Telephone Number. Supplementary information (such as email address, studio address and opening times) may also be supplied optionally by the Member. Only information supplied by the member shall be held and Members shall be permitted to indicate that any item of information should not be included in the published membership list.

The Association may also keep contact information of associated clubs, organisations and individuals who have requested that we do so.

Records shall be held for the purpose of distributing or recording the distributing of the newsletter, articles or information to individuals. Disclosure of membership records shall be strictly limited to the following:

- i) The publication of a list of members of "The Association"
(MEMBERSHIP LISTS MAY NOT BE PASSED TO NON-MEMBERS)
- ii) Disclosure to computer maintenance organisations when this is necessary to repair equipment or computer programs.

**For more information please contact
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KENT POTTERS ASSOCIATION

Name

Address

Tel:

Fax:

Mobile

Email

Website

Workshop Address and Telephone *(if different from above)*

I do **not** wish my contact details published in the annual Membership List.

I wish to apply for membership/renew my membership of the Association and agree to abide by the Constitution. I agree that the information given above may be stored on the Association's computer and used according to the Constitution Part 4.5.

Membership Type: <i>(Please circle)</i>	Full	Student <i>(full time)</i>	Family
Subscription Enclosed:	£20	£15	£35

Signature

Date

Cheques should be made payable to **Kent Potters Association**
and sent with completed form and stamped addressed envelope to:
Jane Bridger, KPA Membership Secretary, 1 Lipscombe Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 3SL
Tel: 01892 530425 Email: jane@bridger6479.freeserve.co.uk

*Membership is from **1st January to 31st December**
The subscription for **new** members, (not existing members renewing)
joining after 31st July will be half the annual rate.*