

Application for Membership of Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust

Annual membership costs £10 (£7.50 for under 18's). Annual membership runs from 1st January to 31st December.

You are encouraged to pay your subscription by Bankers Order. Please also consider signing the Gift Aid Declaration. If you pay 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. (Photocopies are acceptable)

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 Hostels 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 address: _____

Date: _____ I wish to help the Trust as a volunteer (tick)
It is also possible to pay in Euros. Please ask for further details. membership@gatliff.org.uk

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Simple Hostels in the Outer Hebrides

run by the Gatliff
Hebridean Hostels Trust



You can find Gatliff Hostels at:

Bearnaraigh (Berneray) Isle of North Uist

20 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

13 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 the Gatliff Hostels?

Loved the Outer Hebrides?

Want to support the Hostels?

Want to get involved as a volunteer?

Then join the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust

The Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust is dedicated to running Berneray, Howmore and Rhenigidale hostels, in partnership with islanders, to a sound basic standard. Its goal is to provide hostellers, including young people of limited means, with the opportunity to stay a while to get to know, & maybe come to love, the unique culture & natural environment of the islands. (We are part of the SYHA family.)

As a member of the GHHT you will be helping to maintain & improve these simple hostels. You will receive regular updates from the Trust & be invited to our AGM and members' forum.

Our hostels are open to all. Membership of the GHHT is not a pre-requisite.

These unique hostels with their memorable locations, good facilities and free & easy atmosphere are worth supporting.

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Hebridean Hostellers

Membership of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostellers is open to all who share our aims. We are a charitable Trust run entirely by volunteers (we have no paid staff). All profits go towards maintaining & improving the hostels. The Trust is dedicated to encouraging all, but especially young people of limited means, to appreciate the unique Gaelic culture, crofting economy and spectacular environment of the Outer Hebrides.

The charges at our hostels are kept low. There is also a reduction for those aged 17 and younger. This means that our historic and uniquely located hostels are available to all but especially young travellers of limited means.

The Gatliff Hostels are run in partnership with islanders, some of whom act as our wardens.

Simple Hostels

The Trust is responsible for three hostels in the islands: Berneray, Howmore and Rhenigidale. Two of the three are traditional thatched houses, the other is a slate roofed stone-built house.

The original blackhouses consisted of a large room, centred on a peat fire with smoke curling up through a hole in the roof, and a byre for cattle. Not surprisingly, therefore, all our main hostel buildings are simple structures with two main rooms, one of which is a kitchen/common room. All have washrooms & showers with hot & cold water. All have multi-fuel stoves & storage heaters.

We have gone beyond our original idea, which was to provide a haven from the vagaries of the Hebridean weather, somewhere to cook a meal, dry clothes, rest and enjoy the company of like minded travellers. But our facilities remain adequate but simple.

All our hostels are self catering with cooking by either calor gas or electricity.

No advanced bookings

We can take no advanced bookings but you are unlikely to be turned away. Our hostels are rarely full. Besides there are some spare mattresses/camp beds at our hostels.

When you arrive at the hostel find an empty bed and make it up using the duvet provided and a sleeping bag. (It is possible to hire sleeping bags at our hostels.)

Camping

It is possible to camp at all our hostels. The charge is a little over half the adult bed-night fee.

Membership

By becoming a members of the Trust you are helping to support the on-going work of the Trust. You also get invitations to our AGM and members' forum.

You are kept informed about the work of the Trust, notably by our twice yearly Hebridean Hosteller's newsletter. Our annual newsletter from the crofters' hostels is now published on our web site.

Becoming a volunteer

Everyone involved in running the Trust is a volunteer, so why not consider joining us? The volunteer effort is a vital ingredient in maintaining the unique atmosphere (the 'Gatliff difference') at our hostels and it keeps our overheads down.

There is a role for people who have project management experience, experience of running hostels or even small businesses and who can be in the islands on a regular basis, sort out issues on the ground and/or do practical work at the hostels. It is a misnomer to think of volunteering solely in terms of doing physical labour at the hostels. There is plenty to do behind the scenes which can be done from member's own homes. All you need is knowledge of & commitment to the hostels.

Whilst it is essential for volunteers to work on their own initiative, it is equally essential that they work within the agreed strategies, budget, priorities and policies of the Trust. The Trust cannot ask volunteers to carry out electrical, plumbing or gas work at the hostels because these tasks have to be carried out by tradesmen with professional accreditation. However, volunteers with the drive, time and skills, are required to take ownership of specific projects and act as project managers for activities central to the running of the Trust and the improvement of the hostels.

Gift Aid

If you pay Income Tax & Capital Gains Tax you can increase the value of your donation by 25p in the £ at no cost to you. Just complete & sign the form opposite with your membership application form. (We can reclaim tax on donations in past years. Currently it is 4 years.)

Bankers Order

To the Manager

(Please print name & address of your bank)

_____ Postcode _____

Please credit Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust account No 00115450 Bank of Scotland, Lochmaddy, North Uist, HS6 5AA Sort Code No 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 figures)

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 & thereafter by bankers order, strike out the words "immediately upon receipt."

Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer & request that the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust treat as Gift Aid Donations any donations that I have made in the years prior to date of signing of this declaration and all donations I make until such time as I give notice that the declaration is cancelled. I understand that, for the purposes of this declaration 'donations' will include amounts paid by me as 'membership subscriptions'.

Signed

Date