

**Launton Village Players (Registered Charity No: 1190149)**

**Membership Policy**

We are always on the lookout for new members. You do not need any specific skills or qualifications, only enthusiasm and commitment.

**1. Subscriptions and Production Fees**

Subs are due annually by 1<sup>st</sup> November and cover the next 12 months. Subscriptions help us to cover the overhead costs of running Launton Village Players (including things we pay for even if we are not staging productions), including, but not limited to:

- Public Liability Insurance
- Rehearsal Space Hire
- Website fees
- Subscriptions to professional bodies

If you join on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May, the subscription rate is reduced by 50% for the remainder of that year until 1<sup>st</sup> November when the full subscription will be required i.e. members joining between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> April will be expected to pay 100% of the full subscription rate, and those joining at any point between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> October will be expected to pay 50% of the full subscription rate.

The charity trustees will review the fees annually and reserve the right to amend the subscription rates in exceptional circumstances.

**The Subscriptions for 2020-2021 are:**

- **Adult: £20 per year**
- **Junior: £10 per year**
- **Friend: Free**

**Please note that due to the coronavirus pandemic, subscriptions will only be collected for the May – October 2021 period, and will therefore be charged at 50% of the full rate.**

The charity trustees reserve the right to charge an additional production fee if necessary, although this must be reasonable and justified to the members of the production.

**2. Membership Benefits**

- Adult members:
  - Have the opportunity to take part in any aspect of a LVP production (subject to casting), from conception to delivery. Note that they must be a member throughout the rehearsal and performance period.
  - Can suggest ideas for productions,
  - Have the opportunity to direct and produce shows,
  - Can attend social events,
  - Can participate in ad-hoc performances organised by the group,
  - May have the opportunity to nominate and vote on which charitable purpose(s) a production supports (see our Donations Policy for more detail),
  - Will be given password protected access to the Members page of our website (once set up)
  - Will receive email updates about productions, social events and other relevant topics.

- Junior members (anyone under the age of 18):
  - May have the opportunity to take part in any aspect of any LVP production (subject to casting, suitability and safeguarding regulations), from conception to delivery. Note that they must be a member throughout the rehearsal and performance period.
  - May be able to attend social events and suitable ad-hoc performances organised by the group. This is subject to the regulations set out in our Safeguarding Policy, which also states parental supervision will be required for a Junior member to participate unless necessary chaperoning procedures are in place.
  - Will be given password protected access to the Members page of our website (once set up),
  - Will receive email updates about productions, social events and other relevant topics (see the Safeguarding Policy for details on contact information held on Junior members).
  
- A Friend is any volunteer who helps us during the run of a particular show (usually from the dress rehearsal to the performances themselves). This can be in a Front of House role or any technical role (e.g. lighting). They are usually involved for one specific production and will only receive emails relevant to their role in that production. In accordance with our GDPR policy, we may keep their details on file so that they can be contacted about helping with future performances.

### **3. Update**

This document will be updated on an annual basis, or earlier if there is requirement to, or new statutory requirements are made.