



Your Name (please print)

Address

Postcode Tel:

Email

I am over 18 and have read and agree to abide by the membership criteria and bye-laws.

Signed:

Please indicate which FWC group you might be interested in joining or services you could offer...

1	The Frome Festival Group	
2	The Community Radio Group	
3	The Book Brand Group	
4	The Small Publishers' Fair Group	
5	The Market Group	
6	The Website and Social Media Group	
7	Helping at events	
8	Giving talks in your area of expertise (please state)	
9	Becoming a trustee	

Who can join? Membership is open to all writers who live in the Frome area and who are willing to participate in the work of the Collective. All FWC members are asked to contribute some of their time (according to their situation) to support other writers and each other. Our aim is to help writers write and get published - and to have fun along the way.

Benefits of membership: Annual membership to Frome Writers' Collective supports the FWC's work, including our guidance and links to services, advice on writing, editing, publishing and information about events. Members can send information about their published books to include on our website. Members have priority booking and reduced prices for FWC events, a 10% discount from Hunting Raven and free entry to 'members only' social events, which give opportunities for meeting and networking, throughout the year

How to become a member:

Print this form (it is saved as an image file) then send the form, together with a cheque for £15, made out to Frome Writers Collective, to the FWC Membership Secretary, Liz Hutchinson, at the address below:

**Paul Fine, Frome Writers' Collective (Membership),
Flat 1 Northover Mews. North Parade, Frome. Somerset BA11 1AZ**

Membership Bye-Laws

These are the provisions that concern membership of the Frome Writers Collective.

The terms "FWC", "Collective", "us" or "we" refer to the Frome Writers Collective.

There are five categories of membership: Trustee, Full, Patron, Honorary & Associate.

- Trustee: Trustees are elected under the constitution and pay the full membership fee
- Full: Full members pay the full membership fee
- Patron: Patron members help the collective to pursue its aims through providing advice and support and in return are classified as full members and their membership is free
- Honorary: Honorary members help the collective solely through publicly declaring their support of its aims and in return are classified as members, they pay no membership fee but have no access to the Collective's benefits except by invitation e.g. to events
- Associate: Associate members do not want full membership but would like to network with the Collective because for example they work in a related field. They pay no membership fee. They benefit members through providing advice and contacts and vice versa. They have no access to the Collective's benefits except its network of members.

Full membership fee is currently £12 and there are no concessions.

The benefits of the Collective are access to the Frome Writers Collective website and its network of members, and priority booking for and reduced admission to Frome Writers Collective events.

All membership is managed by the Membership Secretary. To become a member simply fill out the membership form and send to the collective c/o the Membership Secretary with a cheque for the relevant fee. Membership to those under 18 years of age and to those not local to the Frome area is at the discretion of the trustees.

The Frome Writers Collective is a collective. Its purpose is to provide a forum where writers and others in the book publishing process can help each other to write and to publish. Therefore every member should contribute an amount of time or information to help the collective in every year they are a member, this contribution does not need to be large.

Members are encouraged to get in touch with each other. In doing this, all members should treat each other with the respect they would in turn like to receive. Members should report any unwelcome, abusive, obscene, threatening or defamatory language or behaviour to the Membership Secretary.

The Collective is reliant on a good brand image to help its members make good contacts within the publishing industry. Therefore all advice and support provided by members to each other should be carefully considered and of high and professional quality.

Members should not use the name of the Frome Writer's Collective to market or publicise themselves as an artist or their work without the express and written permission of the trustees.

The trustees will only refuse an application for membership if they consider it to be in the best interests of the collective.

The trustees may decide at their discretion to rescind a member's membership without refund of their fee if:

- A member has not paid their due membership fee
- They believe the member has behaved in a disrespectful or threatening way to another member or in a way that may bring the collective into disrepute
- They believe that the member has committed an illegal act
- They have used the name of the Frome Writer's Collective inappropriately and without permission

Contribution is at the heart of the collective. If a member decides not to contribute the trustees may decide not to renew their membership when it comes up for renewal. However, extenuating circumstances such as illness will be taken into account.

Membership will not be withheld or rescinded unreasonably, and the member has the right to appeal in writing to the trustees.

Membership is not transferable to anyone else.

If a dispute arises between members and it cannot be resolved by agreement, to protect the Collective and the rest of its members against any undeserved and negative publicity, all parties must first in good faith attempt to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

All other provisions relevant to the operation of the Collective can be found in the Frome Writers Collective Constitution. A copy of the constitution is available to any member on request.