

Dear Friend of Bardsey

You may be aware that there are now new regulations that make it far easier for charities to claim back from the Inland Revenue tax already paid on all the money charities receive from individuals.

The main impact for us is that Deeds of Covenant are no longer required and the Gift Aid threshold of £250 has been withdrawn.

To claim tax back on any membership subscriptions and donations all we now need is the completed form below. If you pay UK tax, please do complete it and return it even if you do not currently operate a covenant with us.

Many pensioners can also participate, as company pensions may be taxed at source.

Please note:

1. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying Friends of Bardsey.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax in the tax year at least equal to the amount of tax that we can reclaim on your subscriptions or donations in that same tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give.)
3. If in future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax equal to or higher than the amount we reclaim you can cancel your declaration as above.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self-assessment tax return.
5. When you have signed this declaration you must notify us straight away of any change of address.
6. If you are unsure whether your subscriptions or donations qualify, contact your local tax office and ask for leaflet IR113 *Gift Aid*.

I (name in block capitals) _____
Of (address) _____

wish the Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory (a registered charity) to treat as Gift Aid donations all subscriptions and donations I have made since 6th April 2000, and all subscriptions and donations that I make from the date of this declaration, until I give notification to the contrary.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return as soon as possible to: Miss D. Charles, 2 Regent Close, Edgbaston,
Birmingham, B5 7PL