**Hello & Welcome to Cobwebs!**

Welcome to the Cobweb Orchestra! We are a registered charity whose aim is to provide opportunities for people of all abilities to play orchestral music. All our events are open to everyone, without auditions, and you can sign up for each session individually so that you can play as much or as little as you like. You do not need to be a member to play at our events. To keep up with forthcoming events and news, sign up using this secure online form: [Email list form](https://cobweborchestra.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6e9a1e8c2784a2c28221151f8&id=31e0e34d99)

**Regular Group and Core Events**

We run several regular groups across the North of England and Cumbria, as well as a bustling programme of events throughout the year, including study days, concerts, beginners’ days, residential weekends and foreign trips. Details of all these can be found on our website: [www.cobweborchestra.org.uk](http://www.cobweborchestra.org.uk) where you will also find regular news updates and links to our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/52837310094) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cobweborchestra) pages.

You can come along to any of our regular groups whenever it suits you. There’s no need to let us know in advance. However if you’d prefer to make contact with the group leader beforehand, they will be pleased to hear from you, and will be able to answer any queries you may have. Your first session is free, thereafter they cost £6.50 (or £5 for members). The groups are listed on the website [here](https://cobweborchestra.org.uk/groups/)

**Membership**

As well as receiving regular updates from the trustees and voting rights at our AGM, membership entitles you to a discount of about 25% for our regular group sessions and most of our events. To become a member, please fill in the membership form attached and send it to the Cobweb Membership Secretary, Pat Fuller, 1 Orchard Close, Morpeth, NE61 1XE ([membership.cobwebs@gmail.com](mailto:membership.cobwebs@gmail.com)). Membership is £40 a year for taxpayers, or £25 for non-tax-payers, and annual payments are renewed in April or September. You will need to pay a pro-rata fee to cover membership until your renewal is due. Contact your local group secretary or the membership secretary to arrange this.

**Gift Aid**

As a registered charity we are able to claim Gift Aid on any donations and on some monies you pay us in group subs and event fees. If you are a tax payer, we’d be most grateful if you could complete and return the Gift Aid form attached. This will allow us to recoup an extra 25p from the taxman for every pound you give us.

Anyone, regardless of background or ability can play in the Cobweb Orchestra. We do hope you will join us in enjoying music together.

**THE COBWEB ORCHESTRA**

September [ ]

April [ ]

**(Charity No. 118758)**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please fill in a new form if any of your details have changed and forward to the Membership Secretary (contact details below)

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| Title: | Surname: | First name: | Other initials: |

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| House no/name and street: | Town: |
| Postcode: | Preferred phone number: |
| Email: | |
| Instrument(s): | Please indicate the Regional Group(s)\* that you attend and/or would wish to receive regular information about: |

\* Please visit the Cobweb Orchestra website (www.cobweborchestra.org.uk) for full details about each group.

Please select the type of membership you would like:

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| Full Membership | £40.00 [ ] | Cash |  |
| Non-tax payer  membership | £25.00 [ ] | Cheque |  |
| Any additional donation | £ | BACS |  |
| Total | £ |  |  |

**GDPR permissions**

The Cobweb Orchestra and the Cobweb Orchestra Regional Groups will use the information you provide on this form to get in touch with you, usually by email, to provide updates on weekly rehearsals and other Cobweb Orchestra news and events, and from time to time to inform you of related activities that may be of interest. Phone numbers or addresses may be used occasionally, for example in the event of an unexpected cancellation or a change of venue. Photographs may be taken solely for publicity purposes. Please tick the boxes below to give your consent to the following

 Email

   Photography

   Phone number/address

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your information will never be shared with third parties, and you can unsubscribe at any time by using the unsubscribe option at the end of every newsletter. We will treat your information with respect. For more information about our privacy practices please visit the Cobweb Orchestra website (www.cobweborchestra.org.uk).

**This form should be sent to:**

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| Pat Fuller  Membership Secretary  1 Orchard Close  Morpeth  Northumberland NE61 1XE  or save/scan completed document & return by email to:  membership.cobwebs@gmail.com |

**Payment:**

**By cheque**: Please make cheques payable to ‘The Cobweb Orchestra’, write ‘membership’ on the back, or

**By BACS transfer:** Pay to:

The Cobweb Orchestra Account No: 65560297 Sort Code: 08-92-99

putting your initial and surname as the payee reference

**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

Boost your contribution to The Cobweb Orchestra without costing you any extra money, by pledging GIFT AID

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You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year. (currently 25p for each £1 you give). Please let us know if you no longer pay tax.

You may end this arrangement at any time.

Please tell us if you move house, change your name or change your bank.

**This Gift Aid Declaration Form should be sent to:**

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| Christine Ball  Cobweb Gift Aid Declaration  35 South Hill Road,  Gateshead  NE8 2XZ.  or save/scan completed document & return by email to:  christine.ball1208@live.co.uk |