

## MEMBERSHIP OFFER INDIVIDUALS

*“The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure that St James is a vibrant place to live and work.”*  
[Exeter St James Neighbourhood Plan]

### SUPPORT YOUR TRUST - MAKE THE VISION A REALITY

Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd has been founded by Exeter St James Forum initially to take on the management and regeneration of Queen’s Crescent Garden. It is hoped, in time, to develop other projects such as providing affordable housing for local people.

The Trust is a charitable registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. As a community benefit society it is a not for profit organisation with wholly charitable objects run by and for the community for the benefit of St James.

Membership is open to all over the age of 16 who support our objects:

*The objects of the society shall be to carry on any business for the benefit of the residents of St James ward, Exeter, by either all or any of the following means:*

- *The preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance;*
- *The provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social circumstances have need of such facilities;*
- *The protection or conservation of the environment;*
- *Assisting in the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need;*
- *The creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms;*
- *The promotion of public safety and prevention of crime;*
- *Such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.*

[extract from Rules of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd]

All members are expected to support the society’s objects and are bound by its governing document which explains members’ rights as well as details about the

management and constitution of the society. The Rules of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd are found at [www.exeterstjamesforum.org](http://www.exeterstjamesforum.org) (or as a paper copy by application to the Secretary, cost £5).

Membership is secured by the purchase of ordinary shares; there is no recurring charge or annual subscription. Democracy is guaranteed as each member will have one, equal, vote at meetings regardless of the number of shares held and be able to elect the board and put themselves forward as a director.

Unlike a for profit company a community benefit society does not pay or distribute surpluses or assets to members. Instead these are used exclusively for the benefit of the local community. We are offering an opportunity for people and organisations to contribute to the improvement of St James with the expectation of a social dividend rather than personal financial reward. Shares will never increase and could reduce in value and are not backed by any compensation scheme or ombudsman. They cannot be transferred but may be withdrawn.

## **HELP ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS - BECOME A MEMBER SHAREHOLDER**

Membership costs a minimum of £5 for five ordinary shares, each with a nominal value of £1. **Members are free to purchase more than the minimum number of shares.** To become a member please complete the application form, retain this half and return the other with payment to the registered office.

As a charitable organisation, in order to limit our costs, **our preferred method of communication is email. You are asked, where possible, to provide a valid email address and to agree to being contacted by this method \***. Your privacy is important: we will keep all personal information confidential in accordance with statutory obligations. Our Privacy Policy can be found on the website.

All applications are subject to the approval of the Board of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Members are reminded to update the Trust when contact details change or if they no longer wish to continue membership. Where doubt over current contact details arises and, despite being written to, there is no response from a member for a continuous period of 18 months, those with shareholdings of £10 or less will be removed from the register and their shareholding converted into a donation.

EXETER ST JAMES COMMUNITY TRUST LTD  
**APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

PLEASE PRINT

TITLE  FIRST NAME(S)

SURNAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE  TEL

EMAIL

PLEASE TICK: PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT \*

Let us know all the ways you would like to hear from us

Email \*

Direct mail (post)

Telephone

**AS A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION OUR  
PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION IS  
EMAIL.  
WHEREVER POSSIBLE PLEASE PROVIDE A VALID  
EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER TO HELP US LIMIT  
OUR COSTS.**

\* You can change your mind at any time by clicking the unsubscribe link in the footer of any email you receive from us or by contacting us at [trust@exeterstjamesforum.org](mailto:trust@exeterstjamesforum.org)

I support the objects of Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd and apply to become a member. **(Please note minimum of £5 for 5 ordinary shares).**

I enclose:  £  for  ordinary shares at £1 per share

(if by cheque, payable to "Exeter St James Community Trust Ltd").

PLEASE COMPLETE DECLARATION OVERLEAF

SIGNATURE

DATE

For office use only

Roll No:

Cert No:

Date rec:

Date issued: