



The Living Tree

Living well with and beyond cancer

Dear Living Tree Friends,

The Living Tree Trustees are writing to formally invite you to apply to become a Registered Member. It is important to stress that you do not have to become a Registered Member in order to be a beneficiary of the Living Tree, to take part in all of the activities and services it provides, to support and to 'belong' to it.

The Living Tree registered as a charity with the Charity Commission at the end of February 2020 becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with an Association Model Constitution. While this all sounds very formal, in essence, The Living Tree is still what it has always been with the everyday support and activities we provide remaining relatively unchanged since its inception in 2012.

We are required to keep a formal Register of Members and invite anyone who supports us and is interested in furthering our aims to apply to become a Registered Member. Membership is not restricted to only those people who benefit from our services but is open to anyone who cares about and supports what we aim to do including representatives from local organisations.

Becoming a Registered Member gives you the opportunity to become more involved with the running of the Living Tree. Most importantly, you will be able to vote on resolutions at the Annual General Meeting, at any General Meeting of the Members and on the selection of the Living Tree Trustees. You may also be able to influence the decisions made by the Trustees on your behalf when planning for the future of The Living Tree.

If you are not a Registered Member, you are still welcome to attend these meetings but you will not be able to vote on any of the issues and resolutions raised at that time. For those of you who decide you do not wish to become a Registered Member, we shall be in touch with you in due course to update our records of your contact details but otherwise nothing else will change for you. You will also continue to receive our monthly newsletter. Whether you become a Registered Member or not, you can change your mind at any time in the future and either withdraw from the Membership or apply to join it.

If you would like to apply to become a Registered Member, please complete and return the application form available on our website or at our Drop ins. We would be grateful if you could also read our Privacy Notice attached with the application form so that you understand and are happy with how we use and store the information you send us.

If you would like any more information to help you with your decision to apply, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us using our email address thelivingtreedorset@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes from The Living Tree Trustees