



Cotswold Fungus Group

Welcome to the CFG,

We are a self financing group of fungi enthusiasts and a small membership fee is levied to cover our running costs* and insurance. These are explained on the attached page, along with our terms of membership. Membership costs are set out on the form below. Please complete and return this form along with your payment. You will be given access to the detailed Foray Programme once you become a CFG member.

COTSWOLD FUNGUS GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal-Please tick the box. If nothing has changed only name(s) & date are needed.

Name(s)	Mobile <i>(if carried on forays)</i>	Email Address
1)		
2)		
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5)		
Address :		
Home Telephone :		
Date :		

Subscription rates: £3.00 per address plus £2.00 per person (e.g. £5.00 per individual, £7.00 per couple living at the same address or 2 adults + 2 children = £11.00 etc).

I enclose the sum of £..... (Please make cheques payable to **Cotswold Fungus Group**).

For our insurance records, are you a member of:

Association of British Fungus Groups (ABFG) Yes / No

British Mycological Society (BMS) Yes / No

Any other local county-based Fungus Group Yes / No Group(s).....

Please send to: CFG, c/o Dr Lee Hayward, 160 Westward Road, Ebley, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4ST.

COTSWOLD FUNGUS GROUP: CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP



Please DO NOT pass on or copy the Cotswold Fungus Group foray list to other individuals, the press, or local wildlife groups without the permission of the chairman or secretary.

Our Public Liability Insurance policy covers paid-up members of CFG and a limited number of guests. Friends visiting you for the weekend are welcome to come along to our forays, but please let the secretary or chairman have their names in advance, in case there is any issue with our insurers if there is an accident or claim on our insurance policy.

All forays are undertaken according to the nationally agreed guidelines in the leaflet entitled “The Wild Mushroom Picker’s Code of Conduct” laid out by the British Mycological Society and published by English Nature. Your attention is drawn to the Drugs Act of 2005 and the BMS’s publication “Guidelines for field mycologists: the practical interpretation of Section 21 of the Drugs Act 2005”. Both are available through the British Mycological Society’s website.

Note that the commercial selling of fungi within the UK is illegal and, as such, the selling of any fungi collected from the Cotswold area is strictly forbidden.

Cotswold Fungus Group WILL NOT give advice on the edibility of fungi but will assist you in improving your own fungi identification skills. Those wishing to consume any fungi should not do so until absolutely certain that they have correctly identified the fungi to be consumed. Members and their visitors should be aware that certain species that are commonly regarded as edible may upset some people. Care should always be taken in selecting and preparing edible fungi, choose only fresh specimens. If there is the slightest doubt over the identity of the specimen, do not consume it. If trying a new species for the first time, eat only a little until you are sure that you like it, and it likes you. Always retain a specimen in the fridge in case of need for further identification.

Membership is conditional on acceptance of all of the above.

*** CFG Running Costs include:**

- Postal costs and stationery involved in writing to woodland authorities for permissions to foray.
- Sending out an annual report and foray summaries.
- Website domain name, web space and maintenance.
- Public Liability Insurance cover which the group must hold in case of accidental damage to the woodland or injury to forayers.
- Occasional ad hoc costs.