



## Gift Aid - An Explanation

### What is it?

Gift Aid is a simple scheme that enables charities to claim an additional 25p from every £1 donated by UK taxpayers. In addition to this, the Government will provide Transitional Relief of 3 pence on the pound. So while charities will claim 25p from each £1 donated, they will actually receive 28p until the 2011 tax year. Charities of all sizes are encouraged to make the most of Gift Aid to increase income to their organisation and to apply the Gift Aid logo to their fundraising materials.

### How does it work?

Gift Aid can apply to one-off donations, or those over a specific period. It can even be backdated for up to 6 years. It can apply to sponsorships and certain membership fees.

On top of this, higher rate taxpayers are eligible to reclaim 25p from the taxman for every £1 donated to charity by including details of their donations on their Self Assessment form. This rebate can be donated directly to a charity of their choice on the same form and if the donor chooses to do so it can be increased further through Gift Aid.

### Declarations

A Gift Aid declaration can be made either in writing or orally and may cover donations made since 5 April 2003 and all future donations. The donor needs to understand that they are giving the Sidmouth Gig Club authority to reclaim tax from HM Revenue & Customs on the gift.

### What next?

Complete the declaration and return it to:

The Treasurer  
The Sidmouth Gig Club  
Port Royal  
Sidmouth  
Devon EX10 8NS

*Thank you*

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**SIDMOUTH**  
GIG RACING CLUB

Text in **RED** denotes mandatory information for a Gift Aid declaration  
Text in **BLUE** denotes optional information for a Gift Aid declaration

**Are you a UK taxpayer?**

If so, you can use Gift Aid to make your donations (and eligible membership fees) go further by completing this declaration. If you Gift Aid your donation, the charity will continue to receive an additional 28p. Charities can claim Gift Aid tax relief of 25p on every pound you give. HMRC will also be operating transitional provisions for Gift Aid donations made from 6 April 2008 until 5 April 2011, paying a Government supplement of 3p on every pound you give. Complete the form below and send it to the Sidmouth Gig Club.

**Charity Name: SIDMOUTH GIG CLUB**

Amount £  Date  /  /

Tick all that apply.

- I would like to Gift Aid this donation
- I would like to Gift Aid all future donations until further notice
- I would like to Gift Aid all previous donations for Sidmouth Gig Club's current financial period and the previous six

Name  Surname

Address

Postcode

To qualify for Gift Aid, you must pay an amount of UK 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 given)\*. Tax year is 6 April one year to 5 April the next.

**Notes:**

1. You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying the charity
2. If your circumstances change and you no longer pay enough income or capital gains tax to cover the amount claimed by the charity, please contact Sidmouth Gig Club
3. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief via your Self Assessment tax return (currently 25p for each pound you give)\*\*
4. Please notify the charity if you change your name or address

\* Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.

\*\* Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate tax.