



Home Counties Magical Society

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The Home Counties Magical Society is delighted that you are considering membership to our longstanding society, established in 1947. It is steeped in tradition, has many longstanding members and has close alliances with the Magic Circle.

Magic in itself is an art form that has at its roots in hundreds of years of performance, literature and of course many secrets that it cannot publicly disclose. Therefore, as a society we uphold the strongest ethics in relation to our art form and in considering prospective members we have to ensure their intent is genuine and sincere. To this end we have a two-stage entry process.

Stage 1: Registering your intention by application and interest in joining our Society.

Upon receipt the Membership Secretary or one of the Council Members will simply have an informal chat with you to consider your interests in magic and your motivation in joining us.

Stage 2: Following this you will be invited to meet with two Members of our Society, either in person or virtually.

The two could either be Council Members or some of our experienced members. The purpose of the meeting is to understand your genuine interest, preferences and if you are:

- A performer or aspiring performer at whatever level (you could be a hobbyist, an amateur, a professional or semi-professional)
- A researcher/ historian or someone with a literary interest in magic
- An active follower of magic with a deep-rooted and genuine interest in the art

You may be asked to perform some magic for their consideration or simply discuss a magical aspect of interest.

We ask you to complete the following simple application, answering the questions as fully as possible to enable us to support your membership.

We are a friendly and supportive club with a genuine and thorough interest in magic. Some members are also members of other societies; some are members of The Magic Circle; some are keen and enthusiastic hobbyists, - but we are all keen to share and learn.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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Membership Application Form Adult & Junior Member

Name:	
Address:	
Contact Number:	
Email Address:	
If under the age of 18 – please give your date of birth and the name of a parent/guardian	
Are you a Member of any other Magic Club? (Please give the name of the club or write “n/a”)	
How would you describe yourself in terms of magical interest? (Tick all that apply and give some details)	
a) Actual, occasional or aspiring performer	
b) Historian, researcher or literary reader	
c) Other (please provide details)	
What level of performer would you say you are? (Please note the Society has people of all levels and abilities and would not refuse an application solely for being a learner or hobbyist – the Society actively promotes supporting people to improve through shared learning)	
d) Learner	
e) Hobbyist	
f) Amateur	
g) Semi or professional Magician	
What magic books, periodicals or lecture notes have you read/ or own? (Please give any details you wish to share)	

Do you own or have you accessed any online streaming, video or DVD's of magic tuition or performances? (Please give any details you wish to share)

What styles or genres of magic do you prefer? (e.g. close up, stage, parlour, mentalism etc.)

Do you have any favourite magicians - historical or current?

In what ways do you feel you can best contribute to the society? We actively encourage members to contribute or participate in its Club nights and competitions, where possible.

What would you want to gain from being a member of the Society?

Anything else you want to share?

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Membership Application and Secrecy Declaration

I have completed my application and confirm my wish to become a member of the Home Counties Magical Society. In doing so I agree to abide by the rules of the Society if admitted to membership.

If an audition is required I am willing, by practical demonstration and/or friendly discussion, to satisfy that the above statements are true.

I will not in any way, wilfully, knowingly or intentionally disclose any secret of magic to anyone, unless he or she is a fellow Magician, either professional or amateur.

I agree to confine any discussion of effects and secrets that originated within the Society to Members of the Home Counties Magical Society.

I agree not to write or publish secrets of magic except in magical magazines or in books devoted entirely to magic.

I will at all times discourage the public disclosure of magical secrets.

I undertake not to copy any original magical idea or presentation of any magical effect presented within the Home Counties Magical Society without first having obtained the originator's consent.

I will at all times use my best endeavours to elevate the Art of Magic and to promote the good of the Society.

Name:	
Signed:	
If under 18 years of age signed confirmation by parent or guardian to progress this application:	
Date:	