



Become a Friend of the Berkshire Autistic Society

Are you interested in autism?

Do you have a family member or friend whose life is affected by autism?

Do you want to support a good cause on a regular basis?

The charity was set up by parents of severely autistic children in 1990, to help them and others cope with the challenges of autism in the family. They ran a very part-time helpline to offer information, support and a listening ear. They organised social activities to reduce some of the isolation from mainstream society. They ran events and fundraising activities to raise funds and spread the awareness of autism to the public. All this they did on a voluntary basis, while also looking after their families and fighting for their children's rights.

All of the original work of BAS continues today. In addition, we also lobby authorities, professionals and service providers for improved services and access to services and skills. We now have over 500 members, an office in Reading and employ several part-time staff to run our expanded programmes. These include parental support groups, social groups for adults with Asperger's, training courses for professionals and speaker meetings open to all. We still need to fundraise every penny of our income, every year, year after year.

The incidence of autism has grown hugely over the years and the basics are always needed – coping with trauma, obtaining information, fighting for rights, accessing services, and, sadly, demand still outstrips supply.

By becoming a Friend of BAS you will be supporting a local charity which does very valuable work in a field where demand is growing, a charity that is responsive to the needs of people affected by autism, a charity that can only continue with its work with support from across the community.

As a Friend of BAS

- You will receive a yearly newsletter to keep you up to date with our activities
- You can attend our speaker meetings at a reduced rate
- Donors who give over £50 per year will be named in the newsletter and in our newsletter that goes to members (unless you prefer to remain anonymous).

To become a ***Friend of BAS*** we ask you to donate on a regular basis, either monthly or annually. We suggest a minimum of £2.00 per month or £24.00 per year.

We do hope you will help us. Please visit our website for more information on the Society or call in to our office in Reading and meet us.



Friend of BAS - Application form

Mr/Mrs/Ms (please delete as appropriate)

Surname

Address.....
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Post code:

Telephone No:

E-mail address:

I would prefer to receive the *Friend of BAS* newsletter

by e-mail (in PDF format) by post

Where did you hear about becoming a *Friend of BAS*?.....

Do you have a family member/friend/colleague impacted by Autism?

I would prefer that my donation remains anonymous

I would like to find out about volunteering for BAS.

Please send me further information

Please call me

Please send me a volunteer application form

Thank you.



Payment details

We ask that you set up a Standing Order for your membership of the *Friend of BAS* scheme. Please complete the Standing Order section and we will send this off to your bank. If you are a taxpayer please also sign the 'Gift Aid' declaration so that we can claim tax relief (you will not incur any extra expense).

Standing Order

To: The Manager,Bank/Building Society name

Sort code..... Branch name.....

Bank/Building Society address.....

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Account number.....In the name of.....

Please pay to:

The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, Brunel House, 17/27 Station Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 1LG –
sort code 16-29-25, for the credit of Berkshire Autistic Society, Account No. 10094426.

The sum of £..... annually

OR the sum of £..... monthly

Date of first payment

And thereafter on the same date annually or monthly (delete as appropriate) until further notice by myself.

Signed..... Date.....

Gift Aid it

Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue. Help your donation go further – just tick

I want all membership subscriptions and donations I've made since 5 April 2000 and any membership subscriptions or donations I make in the future to be Gift Aid Donations until I notify you otherwise.

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax must earn at least equal the amount we will claim in the Tax Year.

Signature of taxpayer

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