

Membership form

I wish to become a member of the Salisbury EcoHub Alliance CIO.
I hereby give permission for Salisbury EcoHub Alliance CIO to hold my personal data for that purpose.

I understand that Salisbury EcoHub Alliance CIO is a registered charity with an Association Model constitution, that members may join as an individual or as a representative of a group or organisation and that this formal structure is such that it provides members (whether individuals or group representatives) with legal protection from personal liability.

Name (individual) :

email :

If joining on behalf of a group or organisation, please also complete the following questions.

Name of group or organisation :

If joining on behalf of a group or organisation, has it formally authorised this? Yes / No

Is your group happy to be listed as a member of Salisbury EcoHub Alliance? Yes / No

Can we include a link to your group's website on the EcoHub website? Yes / No

Group website link :

Please return this form to EcoHub, c/o 8 Coronation Road, Salisbury SP2 9DB, or hand it in at our stall in Salisbury Market on Tuesdays, 9 am to 1 pm, or join online at www.salisburyecohuballiance.org.uk.



Salisbury EcoHub Alliance CIO

**Our vision,
Charitable Objects,
and membership application form**

Salisbury EcoHub Alliance CIO
Registered charity no. 1203831

The Salisbury EcoHub vision

In May 2022, members of a wide range of Salisbury-based voluntary groups got together to discuss how they could be most effective in combatting climate change and the wider environmental crisis at a local level.

That meeting agreed that it would be very beneficial if people and local groups could work together through a shared centre, which would also be a one-stop-shop for public information and education. The idea of the Salisbury EcoHub was born.

Whilst obtaining suitable premises in Salisbury was a central part of this vision, we recognised that this would not be easy or quick to achieve. Our wider objectives have been to facilitate closer working between the area's many voluntary groups, and to provide information and education to the people of Salisbury on ecological issues including climate change.

We have been aided in this by Salisbury City Council, who have provided us with a free stall in Salisbury Market since September 2022. This has enabled us to get our message out to local people, to build up a wide membership of both groups and individuals, and to distribute large amounts of energy-saving advice and other information. As well as publicising the EcoHub itself, this stall frequently showcases one or other of our member groups.

We have also created a website which serves as our "virtual EcoHub", with a directory of all our local member groups and links to their websites, news and forthcoming events, and downloadable leaflets including our own growing series of Bite-size Climate Science leaflets. You can also follow us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EcoHubSalisbury>.

In July 2023 we were accepted by the Charity Commission as a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation, a form of charity which can have both individual and group members and an elected Board of Trustees.

Our Charitable Objectives

Our Constitution, (clause 3. Objects) states "The objects of the CIO are

"1 . To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Salisbury and the surrounding areas in particular by providing the general public with educational information regarding a range of environmental issues, including recycling, climate change, pollution and environmentally friendly lifestyles and by acting as an umbrella body for a range of environmentally focussed local organisations.

"2. To advance the education of the public on various environmental topics and issues, including biodiversity, habitats, animal species, climate change, recycling, pollution and environmentally friendly lifestyles."

These Objects, agreed by the Charity Commission, do not specifically mention premises, but that is seen as part of achieving these wider aims. Our charitable status means that when we obtain our EcoHub premises, we will be exempt from paying business rates on them. It should also help us to obtain grant funding towards our costs.

Why Joining Us is Important

As a charity, we are governed by our CIO constitution, under which the Board of Trustees are responsible for managing the organisation. However, it is the members of the charity who can hold the trustees to account. It is the members who will set the overall policy at General Meetings, elect the Board of Trustees, approve or reject the annual report and accounts, and are empowered to remove any trustee if they consider that to be appropriate.

Any person who supports our aims can become a member, as can any sort of organisation - including charities, companies, partnerships, NGOs or simple unincorporated associations. All members, whether individuals or organisations, have one vote each, and it is our members who make the Salisbury EcoHub an accountable democratic organisation