

Personal Data and Privacy Policy

Danbury Society has updated its Personal Data and Privacy policy to reflect the requirements of new EU legislation called the General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR'). This document summarises the contents of the Society's policy.

Danbury Society is a civic society registered with the Charity Commission under number 283898. Membership is not personal but of households, defined as all residents dwelling at the same address. The Society is open to membership from all who live in the Danbury, Essex area and those further afield who may be interested in Danbury affairs.

Danbury Society's objects are

1. To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, and architecture of the area of benefit
2. To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit
3. To protect the beauties of the countryside
4. To secure the preservation protection development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
5. To promote the general charitable benefit of the inhabitants of the Danbury area by provision of such financial and/or material benefit as the Trustees for the time being shall determine.

In order for Danbury Society to fulfil its charitable objects it needs to inform all residents of its activities, to keep them advised of other local matters that may affect the pursuit of its objects and to promote its objects to members and non-members. Danbury Society keeps minimal records and makes all best efforts appropriate to a voluntary body to maintain confidentiality, integrity and security of the personal data that it holds.

Personal data is any information relating to an identifiable living individual but as the Society's membership is by household, personal data is only incidentally acquired. It collects the following information about households in membership: street address (not postcode), a family name (normally not personal names), and monies collected.

For particular events that the Society organises to raise funds or to promote its charitable objects, individuals (some might be members of the Society) provide contact information to enable the Society to correspond with them. Such data is only kept as long as relevant for its original purpose.

As part of its communication activity it holds a list of unpersonalised email addresses of those who, over the years, have expressed an interest or made contact with the Society. Those email addresses are not linked to the list of member households although individuals from those households may be on the list.

In addition to the data about members and contacts, the Society holds names and contact details of other individuals in local government, suppliers, businesses and individuals with whom Danbury Society has dealings.

When any user visits the Society's website, the USP automatically collates non-personalised data by country of origin, means of access and other technical markers.

The data the Society holds on its members is used to distribute the Society newsletter, to collect subscriptions and to deliver notices, all by hand.

Email contacts are used to provide news and information about Danbury Society, activities in the village, proposals that may affect residents and other notifications. Recipients can opt-out of receiving these messages at any time by simply replying 'stop' to a message.

Members have the right to request access to the information that the Society holds about them and can receive a copy of that information. Members have the right to limit or erase information held about them. Danbury Society relies on the accuracy of information provided by its members and will rectify any notified inaccuracies when notified of them.

Danbury Society will not share the information it holds about members or others to any third party unless directed to do so by legal process. Danbury Society will only retain data about its members for as long as they are members.

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