

Gift Aid factsheet



What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a Government Scheme, administered by HM Revenue and Customs Department, which enables charities to reclaim the basic rate tax you have paid as a tax payer – an extra 28p for every £1 of the total paid.

Who is eligible to give the Dean Heritage Museum Trust permission to claim Gift Aid?

Everyone is welcome to give donations to the Dean Heritage Museum Trust and as a charity, the Dean Heritage Museum Trust relies on support from a wide range of sources, including membership subscriptions & grants, to carry out its work.

However, only UK taxpayers can fill in the Gift Aid declaration forms, which enable us to make the claim from the Government.

What is a Gift Aid declaration form?

This is confirmation that the person making the payment pays income tax or capital gains tax in the UK, at least equal to the amount claimed back in the appropriate tax year.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief on your self assessment tax form.

Further information is available on the HMRC website 'Giving to charities for individuals' or from your local tax office.

When can Gift Aid be claimed by the Dean Heritage Museum Trust?

Gift aid can be claimed on any donations, membership subscriptions and on admission charges, providing certain conditions apply.

Why is the Dean Heritage Museum Trust asking for donations on top of the admission fee to the Dean Heritage Centre?

The rules governing Gift Aid on admissions to charitable attractions, like the Dean Heritage Centre, changed from 6 April 2006. The Government's new scheme states that charities can only claim Gift Aid on daily admission tickets, if visitors who are UK tax payers give a voluntary donation of at least 10% more than the standard admission fee.

The heritage of the Forest of Dean is unique and there is always more the Dean Heritage Museum Trust can do to communicate and preserve it, so every penny raised enables us to provide educational activities, exhibitions, outreach, and continue to run the Centre to preserve the artefacts and documents that tell the story of the Forest. We really do appreciate your support.

For example, if the Gift Aid admission price is £5.40, the Dean Heritage Museum Trust can raise an extra £2.01 (from the additional 50p donation, included in the price and £1.51 claimed from the Government, based on 28p for every £1 paid).