

Please return this form with your payment (and standing order form if applicable) to our Membership Secretary:

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To help organise activities, it is useful to know what most interests members. Below are a number of areas of interest - please tick which are relevant to you.

- Growing and propagation
- Taxonomy
- Science
- Conservation
- Photography
- Orchids in Art
- Field trips within the UK
- Foreign travel in search of orchids
- Meetings
- Other (please describe)

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The Hardy Orchid Society Journal

At the core of the Society is the Journal, issued quarterly to members, which now includes numerous colour pictures in every edition. Articles cover a wide range of subjects including cultivation, seed raising, conservation, orchid hunting all around the world, and reports of HOS meetings.

A full index can be found on the Society website. Back issues are available to members from:

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In this leaflet, the drawings of *Ophrys insectifera* and *Cypripedium calceolus* are by Sarah Marks; the drawing of *Ophrys lutea* is by Carol Dash.



THE HARDY ORCHID SOCIETY

Are you interested in hardy orchids?

Then join the Hardy Orchid Society (HOS) whose members have many and diverse interests focusing on hardy, terrestrial orchids from all over the world.

Although we are based in the UK, our membership is truly international.

Members' interests include conservation, propagation, identification, conservation, the vexed question of taxonomy, travel in search of orchids, photography, painting and much more.



Ophrys insectifera

The membership embraces all levels of knowledge and expertise, from novices through to professionals, all drawn together by a fascination with these remarkable plants.

A feature of our meetings is the readiness with which knowledge and experience are shared. No-one wondering whether to join should ever feel they will be an "outsider" due to lack of knowledge. As far as orchids are concerned, we are all frequently reminded of our ignorance - not only do we not know all the answers, we sometimes do not even recognise the questions!

The Society meets three times a year, in the North, Oxfordshire and near London.

Meetings include discussions and talks on many topics relating to orchids, plus a plant show in the spring, a photographic show in the autumn, and sales stands at all venues.

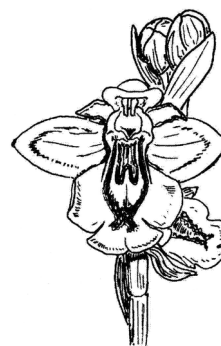


Cypripedium calceolus

In the flowering season, field trips are organised to orchid-rich sites throughout the country.

The Society has a very strong interest in conservation. Many of our members are active in their local Wildlife Trusts and several have advised Trusts on growing orchids from seed.

Sadly, many orchid populations have been lost due to the activities of humankind. Ideally, timely habitat management should provide the answer but, so often, one learns of the demise of plants too late. Perhaps the greatest crime is to do nothing - the expertise certainly exists within the Society to propagate from seed of existing stock plants and any requests for help will be welcomed.



Ophrys lutea

The Hardy Orchid Society has a website at

www.hardyorchidsociety.org.uk

Visit it to see hundreds of orchid pictures and information on

- Activities and Events
- Plant and Photographic Shows
- The HOS Journal
- Propagation and Cultivation
- Orchid Books

and much more.

Application for Membership of The Hardy Orchid Society

Name (Title, First Name, Surname)

Partner (Family Membership only - Title, First Name, Surname)

Address

Post Code Country

Telephone number

E-Mail

Type of Membership *Please tick as appropriate*

SINGLE FAMILY

All forms must be accompanied by payment.
Please tick as appropriate

Cheque payable to "Hardy Orchid Society".

Completed Standing Order Form (from HOS website or Membership Secretary)

There is a **Joining Fee** for new members (Single or Family) of **£2.50**. This is waived if payment is made by **Standing Order**.

For direct bank payment or non-sterling payments, contact the Membership Secretary.

Our subscription year is 1st May to 30th April

Where did you hear about HOS?

Annual membership fees

UK & Europe:	£12 single, £15 family
Other countries:	£16 single, £19 family
plus £2.50 Joining Fee	

