

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
OCTAVIA HILL SOCIETY**

Name(s) of applicant(s) Mr/Mrs/Ms or other title

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Address:

Postcode

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

I/We enclose the annual membership subscription.

I/We wish to pay by Banker's order & request a form

I/We enclose a donation to Society funds of £.....

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and wish to have Octavia Hill Society reclaim my tax under Gift Aid.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

HOW TO JOIN

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| Individual membership | : | £ 10 |
| Joint membership for couples | : | £ 15 |
| International membership | : | £ 20 |
| Full time Students | : | £ 8 |
| Life membership | : | £150 |
| Corporate | : | £ 50 |

Please complete the application form and send it to: The Hon.Membership Secretary, Octavia Hill Society, 7 South Brink, Wisbech, PE13 1JB

STANDING ORDER FORM

To: The Manager,
(Bank or Building Society):

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Post Code

PLEASE PAY TO LLOYDS /TSB BANK PLC., 3 North Brink, Wisbech, Cambs., PE13 1JT (Sort Code 30-99-77) for the account of OCTAVIA HILL SOCIETY (account no. 00037770) the sum of £.....(pounds), (minimum subscription £10 p.a. per person) on receipt of this order, and on the tenth day of April each year until further notice, or until cancelled in writing by me.

Full Name (s) (Title.....)

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Signature(s).....

Name of Account to be debited.....

A/c No.....

Please complete the application form and take it to your local Bank / Building Society.



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Wisbech
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PE13 1JB
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Reg Charity No: 1035177



Octavia Hill

(1838-1912)

As a young woman Octavia Hill fearlessly collected rents in notorious London slums on behalf of the landlord John Ruskin. She has been called the “Florence Nightingale of Victorian housing”, proving that it was possible to rent houses to disadvantaged people and bridge the gap between rich and poor. Her work was small-scale and personal. The aim was to make ‘individual lives noble, homes happy and family life good.’

- She demonstrated that if the right social, environmental, and educational conditions were created, people could develop their life skills and give their best to themselves and others.
- By inspiring and training dozens of women, Octavia Hill established housing management methods that built and sustained communities.
- Her work was copied in Holland, Germany and America, where the Octavia Hill Association still flourishes in Philadelphia.
- Octavia Housing in London has more than 4,000 homes in its care.
- In 1877 Octavia Hill founded the first civic society. It created parks and accessible open spaces to bring “the healthy gift of air and joy of plants and flowers” to grim urban conditions and organised book, music and art.
- In 1895 her campaigns led to the foundation of the National Trust to be ‘Forever for Everyone’.



About the Octavia Hill Society

The Society aims to ‘promote for the public benefit awareness of the ideas and ideals of Octavia Hill, her family and fellow workers’. Its work is based in Wisbech, the “Capital of the Cambridgeshire Fens” where was born. A newsletter keeps members informed of society activities which include:

- Coach Day. Members visit Octavia Hill sites annually on the second Sunday in August.
- Commemoration Day. On the first Sunday in December members gather in Wisbech for the, AGM and the Octavia Hill Memorial Lecture.
- Lectures are organised by the Society and also provided to interested parties.
- Heritage. The Society fosters links between organisations connected to Octavia Hill and encourages the preservation and enhancement of heritage sites.
- Education. The Society offers support to schools and other institutions.
- Research. The Society supports, where possible, members engaged in research on Octavia Hill topics.
- Awards can be given to people and organisations whose own efforts reflect her ideas and ideals.

See:

www.octaviahill.org/the-octavia-hill-society

Octavia Hill’s Birthplace House, 7 South Brink, Wisbech, PE13 1JB

The Society is based in the Birthplace House Museum and Education Centre. It functions as a Friends support group, making donations for specific items or projects.



Here, in the house in which Octavia Hill was born, you can trace the influences that led to her pioneering work. Friends, family and teachers such as John Ruskin are celebrated. Her major achievements are highlighted as her work to establish a Green Belt around London, the founding of the Army Cadet movement and her influence on Elizabeth Casson who established the first school of Occupational Therapy in England are also detailed.

The museum and Society are run by volunteers.

