

## **Cotswold Astronomical Society - information about Junior memberships**

The CAS has to comply with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 which, amongst other things, is concerned with the safety and protection of young people. As none of the Society's officers or members is accredited to deal with such people we are therefore unable to accept anyone under the age of 18 as a full member.

However, 11-17 year-olds may become Junior members in association with a full member in any of the Society's membership categories. The full member (or at least one of them in the case of Combined memberships) must accompany and be responsible for the Junior member at all Society events.

The first Junior in any such membership will be free of charge. For each subsequent Junior in the same membership a subscription of one quarter the standard rate will be payable.

Once the Junior attains age 18 it will of course no longer be necessary to accompany or be responsible for him/her, and he/she can either retain Junior membership until the end of that financial year or take out immediate full membership in an appropriate category at the relevant subscription. We therefore ask you to let us know as soon as age 18 is attained.

To register a Junior member within your membership we will ask you to complete a form giving the Junior member's details, and to sign it to confirm that he/she is currently of the age stated, that you (or your joint member in the case of Combined memberships) will accompany and be responsible for him/her at all CAS events until he/she attains age 18, and that you will inform the Society when he/she attains age 18.

Rod Salisbury,  
Treasurer/Membership Secretary

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