



2026

SOUTHPORT MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Please complete in block capitals)

Name	
Address (with Postcode)	
Telephone Numbers	Home: Mobile:
E-mail address (Please print clearly)	
Date of Birth (if under 21)	
Please provide your model engineering interests, current model projects or why you want to join?	
Please provide your history of membership in other model clubs. For the purposes of character references, a previous or current club can be used as one of your referees.	
<u>Referees</u> As part of our application process, we require the names of two referees, at least one of which must not be a member of the club, to support your application. SMEC believe that character references are important when allowing a new member to join our club, because they provide insight into your personality and behaviour. These references help us to ensure that you will contribute positively to the membership. Please see referees consent form below. At SMEC we operate a high standard of safeguarding. If you cannot provide the names of two referees, then due to our safeguarding policy, we will require a DBS check to be completed at the applicant's expense.	
First referee	Second referee

Name:	Name:
Email Address:	Email Address:
Telephone number:	Telephone number:
Relationship to the applicant (Must be from the list of professionals provided below):	Relationship to the applicant:
Membership type you are applying for.	
If you are applying for an Associate membership, please state the name of the Full member.	
As a club we endeavour to promote our club via our website and social media. On occasions, you may be captured on photographs which we post. Please indicate if you are happy or not to include you in photographs.	YES / NO
Signature	Date:
If under 18 year old signature of Parent/Guardian Note: The Parent/Guardian is signing to accept that under our GDPR policy we are holding data of the junior member.	Date:
Parent/Guardian Contact Details	Name: Phone number:
Second Emerg. Contact Details for Junior Members	Name: Phone number:

Please scan or photo your completed form and email it to: membership@southportmec.com
Alternatively, you can hand it to any committee member at the club.

Membership fees for 2025 are **£70** for a full year for full members. Mid-Year rates (only for new members):-

JOINING MONTH	Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr	May/June/July/Aug	Sept/Oct/Nov
SUBSCRIPTION	£75.00	£52.50	£35.00

If you join with reduced fees between May and November and need a boiler test that same year, you must first pay the difference between the full membership fee of £75 and the reduced rate.

Junior members age up to the age of 18 years **£25.00**

Associate members (This is a restricted membership, please ask for details) **£14.00**

Don't include any fees at this time as the application will need to be approved by the Committee. The Membership secretary will contact you to advise on the outcome and ways to pay if successful.

SMEC implement a 12-month probation period for members as this can be quite beneficial. It allows the club to evaluate new members' commitment and behaviour within the membership before granting them full membership. This period can help ensure that new members align with the club's values and goals, and it provides an opportunity for both the club and the new member to assess if the membership is mutually beneficial.

However, it's important to highlight that this probation period is not a "trial" period in the sense of having fewer rights or protections. Instead, it should be framed as an introductory phase where new members can learn about the club, understand the rules and procedures, and to become a valued part of the club.

REFERENCES CONSENT FORM

I, NAME OF APPLICANT _____ have applied for membership with Southport Model Engineering Club. As part of the application process I have provided details of two character references.

I hereby consent to Southport Model Engineering Club contacting the following referees in accordance with its normal policy:

LIST REFEREES

Reference 1 -

Reference 2 -

I understand that my referees will be contacted before the membership application is accepted.

I understand that the reference information is required to assess my suitability for the purpose of this membership and will include questions around my character and suitability to join the club.

I consent to the referees named above providing information regarding my application for membership to Southport Model Engineering Club.

I understand that subsequent membership with Southport Model Engineering Club may be subject to this feedback.

I have been provided with a copy the Clubs's privacy notice for members which describe the need for the collection, processing and retention of my personal data to assess my suitability for membership. I also understand my rights under the data protection legislation as explained in the privacy notice to members.

I understand that I have the right to withdraw my consent to the processing of my personal information for the purpose of obtaining information from my references at any time. And I understand that this will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on my consent before its withdrawal.

If you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact SMEC Secretary. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your personal information for the purpose you originally agreed to, unless we have another legal basis for processing.

Date:

Signed:

Print name:

List of Professionals required for at least one of your References:

Accountant/architect	member, associate or fellow of a professional body
airline pilot	Member of Parliament
articled clerk of a limited company	Merchant Navy officer
assurance agent of recognised company	minister of a recognised religion (including Christian Science)
bank or building society official	nurse (RGN or RMN)
barrister	officer of the armed services
chairman or director of a limited company	optician
chiroprapist	paralegal (certified paralegal, qualified paralegal or associate member of the Institute of Paralegals)
commissioner for oaths	person with honours, for example an OBE or MBE, but not Lord bloody Mandelson!
councillor, for example local or county	pharmacist
civil servant (permanent)	photographer (professional)
dentist	police officer
director, manager or personnel officer of a VAT registered company	Post Office official
engineer with professional qualifications	president or secretary of a recognised organisation
financial services intermediary, for example a stockbroker or insurance broker	Salvation Army officer
fire service official	social worker
funeral director	solicitor
insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company	surveyor
journalist	teacher or lecturer
Justice of the Peace	trade union officer
legal secretary (fellow or associate member of the Institute of Legal Secretaries and PAs)	travel agent (qualified)
licensee of a public house	valuer or auctioneer (fellow or associate members of the incorporated society)
local government officer	Warrant Officers and Chief Petty Officers
manager or personnel officer of a limited company	

Taken from <https://www.gov.uk/countersigning-passport-applications/accepted-occupations-forcountersignatories>

The information given by you in this form will be processed and used in line with the club's current Privacy and Data Protection Policy (see attached). In seeking membership of this club, you are giving consent for this purpose. In the case of applicants under the age of 18, we require the consent of a parent/guardian. A copy of our Safeguarding policy shall accompany your membership starter pack.

Please include your email address if you have one, since email is the club's primary method of contact with the members. We will not disclose your email address to anyone outside of the club.