



# NATIONAL SOCIETY OF MASTER THATCHERS LIMITED

## Membership Application Form 2026

The National Society of Master Thatchers is the country's leading group of thatchers and represent about one third of the thatchers in Britain. Our members get support from a team of experts who are working to keep them informed of important changes to regulation. The following are just some of the areas the Society help with:

- Apprenticeship scheme
- Trials of new varieties of cereal straw
- Promotion of home produced materials
- Research into material handling
- Access to advice for customers and thatchers
- Mediation/Support in the event of dispute
- Website Members Area

All this and more is happening behind the scenes. We want to do more, and we can with your support.

### Application Process - for Full Membership,

1. All applicants must complete and sign the membership application forms.
2. All applications for **Full Membership** must be accompanied by payment of £400.00 application fee (non-refundable).
3. All applications must be accompanied by details, photographs and description of work undertaken of at least 4 newly thatched properties completed in the last 2 years, including name and telephone number and email of the property owner. The property owner must have given permission and be aware that their property has been put forward for inspection.
4. All applicants must have carried out at least 25% of the work.
5. Sponsors of new applicants must be full members of at least two years - not associate or apprentice members. A sponsor will have to know the applicant and be confident that the applicant's work is of acceptable standard.
6. If an applicant is sponsored by a member of the executive committee, their work may not necessarily be inspected.
7. If the applicant is already a member of a local Master Thatchers Association, their work may not necessarily be inspected.
8. If the applicant has no sponsor, then two members must inspect the work - one must be an executive member. At least three properties will be inspected (preferably two finished re-thatches and one in progress).

### Application Process - for Apprentice Membership, £25.00 per year

Apprentice membership is available to trainee thatchers enrolled on the NSMT Apprentices Scheme. Please discuss this with your employer, you will receive full details with your application to join the scheme.

### Application Process - for Supporter of NSMT Membership, £35.00 per year

You can help support the craft of thatching by becoming a Friend of NSMT at a cost of £35.00 per year. You will receive our magazine, the Thatcher's Standard and be notified of events we become involved with. There may be discounts available to some events.

## **Guide to Considerate Site Practice**

In order to keep a high level of respect of NSMT Ltd, members are asked to observe the following:

### **Consideration**

Everyone affected by the project should be advised before work starts, neighbours etc. Nuisance caused by deliveries, traffic and parking should be minimised. Diversions should be clearly signed with special attention paid to the needs of those with sight, hearing and mobility difficulties.

### **Environment**

Every effort should be made to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste. Materials should be obtained from sustainable sources, and local resources used where possible.

### **Appearance**

The site should be doing all it can to create an image of which the industry can be proud. The site perimeter, the offices and all welfare facilities should be clean, tidy, and well presented. Waste, rubbish, and litter should not be allowed to accumulate. Dusty operations should be managed to minimise any inconvenience.

### **Good Neighbour**

The site manager should interact proactively with residents and neighbours throughout the project to inform them about site activity and to pre-empt and avoid complaints. Any complaint should be logged and handled positively to achieve a satisfactory outcome for all concerned.

### **Respectful**

Everyone on site should help to create a positive image and maintain respectable and safe standards of dress and behaviour. Improper conduct and language should be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Safety**

Daily safety meetings must be held, and systems should be in place so that construction work is carried out with care and consideration for the safety of the public as well as for those living, visiting, and working on site. All persons must be vigilant and report any breach of Health and Safety to the responsible manager without delay. Scaffolding is a legal requirement in most situations. H&S policy, risk assessment and method statements should be carried out and recorded.

### **Materials**

All materials must be stored and used in a manner to avoid the risk of deterioration before and during use.

### **Responsible**

Considerate contractors should be aware of their obligations to personnel, act in a professional and conscientious manner, and play a part in the development of the industry's future workforce.

### **Accountable**

Everyone associated with the site should understand and comply with the Site Code of Practice. The training and development needs for everyone on site should be identified and addressed.

**Please keep pages 1 and 2 for your records**

**Application Form 2026 - Please detach and send to the address below.**

<b>Please select the type of membership you require and fill in the appropriate boxes:</b>			
<b>Full Membership</b>	Individual Thatchers	£400 per year	
<b>Associate Membership</b>	For non-thatching businesses	£325 per year	
<b>Application Fee for Full membership - £400.00 - non refundable</b> <i>(On successful acceptance to membership, the application fee covers the subscription to the end of the year)</i>			
Total to support this application			<b>£400.00</b>
<b>Supporter of NSMT</b>	The public with a general interest in thatching	£35 per year	
Total			
Please complete the details below			
Name		Company	
Address		Tel.	
		Mobile	
		Email	
Postcode		Website	
Number of years you have been thatching?			
Who did you train with?			
Age?			
If you are a member of a Master Thatching Association, please specify			
Associate Members - number of years trading			
Interest in thatching:			

**Details of sponsor:** *A sponsor is a member who knows the applicant and is confident that the applicant's work is of acceptable standard. (Not Compulsory)*

Name		Tel.	
Address		Fax.	
		Mobile	
		Email	
Postcode		Website	
How long have you been a member of the NSMT?			
How long have you known the applicant?			
Signed:		Date:	

**Declaration:**

- I hereby confirm the accuracy of the above information and declare that I have no criminal record, ongoing thatching disputes and no court cases pending against me. *(If so, please give details).*
- I agree to abide by the rules of the National Society of Master Thatchers Limited and Guide to Considerate Site Practice (outlined above) which may change from time to time
- I agree to uphold the good name of the Society and not bring it into disrepute.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

Please send your completed form and non-refundable payment of £400.00  
By cheque payable to NSMT Ltd, to:

**Ms Kate Glover, Ufton Court Lodge, Green Lane, Ufton Nervet, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4HE**

Bacs Payment NSMT Ltd sort code 77-15-13; account number 29579768 ref: your Name

