



The British-Bulgarian Society

BRIEF HISTORY AND AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The object of the Society shall be the development of cultural, scientific and economic links between Britain and Bulgaria, the support of relevant charitable causes and the organization of tours to provide appropriate finance for these activities.

The Society (formerly the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society) was founded in 1952, and has been organizing a programme of special interest tours since 1970. Natural history tours such as birdwatching, butterflies and botany, as well as painting, wine-tasting, folk-dancing and archaeology are just some of the possibilities. The tours are organised with our ATOL-bonded partners, Balkania Travel. For more details email: annie.kay@btinternet.com or phone: 020 7237 7616.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The profits from the tours allow the Society to award bursaries to some Bulgarian students at British universities (over £15,000 so far) and a variety of environmental projects in Bulgaria. These include: over £15,000 to the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, donations to Green Balkans, a seed bank and the restoration of a water supply and well. More recently we have supported the first Bulgarian participation at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, a gymnast in the European Championships, a participant in the English Speaking Union public speaking competition and a British charity supporting an orphanage in Silistra.

MEMBERSHIP

Members receive three issues of our newsletter per year, with articles on art, history, the environment, book and film reviews, and occasional translations of Bulgarian short stories.

Members are invited to attend a variety of talks, musical and social events and distinguished lectures.

The Society has always been a first port of call for information and advice on a variety of topics for both British and Bulgarian enquirers.

The subscription rates for the B-BS for the calendar year are as follows:

<i>LONDON – travel zones 1 – 6</i>		<i>The rest of the UK</i>
<i>Individual subscription</i>	<i>£12</i>	<i>£9</i>
<i>Joint subscription (living at the same address)</i>	<i>£17</i>	<i>£12</i>
<i>Individual – student, unwaged, OAP</i>		<i>£5</i>
<i>£6</i>		
<i>Joint – student, unwaged, OAP</i>		<i>£7</i>
<i>£8</i>		
<i>Local organizations</i>	<i>£20</i>	<i>National organizations</i> <i>£30</i>

Please tick the category to which you belong and attach a cheque made payable to BBFS (until our new name is registered at the bank). Send the application form to Keith Crees, Membership Secretary, 178 Rawreth Lane, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9RN. Phone: 01268 781843. E-mail: creesk@noranda.fsnet.co.uk

Name

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I am interested in:

and/or

My link with Bulgaria

I enclose a donation of £

Tours booking reference number (if applicable)

Further information: www.b-bs.org.uk