

TAX ADVANTAGES OF GIVING TO "KEEPERS"

As a registered charity, the Keepers of the Green Foundation (SCO 33783) can benefit from any donations you make by claiming back tax from HM Revenue & Customs. As an individual, you can also benefit from the tax advantages of giving to charity. If you are a UK taxpayer at the basic or higher rates, donation can be made through Gift Aid which requires a simple declaration that you wish the Foundation to reclaim tax.

FOR THE FOUNDATION: If a basic ratepayer makes a donation of £100, the Foundation can reclaim (at current tax rates) £25, thus making the actual value of the gift £125. FOR THE DONOR (if a higher rate taxpayer): With a donation of £1000, the Foundation can reclaim £250. So the total value of the gift then becomes £1250 and the donor can reclaim £250.

In addition to the above, HM Revenue & Customs will automatically pay the charity a further three pence for every pound donated until 5th April 2011.

Donations need not necessarily take the form of cash (although this is preferred) and can be also made in the form of shares or securities. A gift of shares can be an added bonus. Your gift of quoted securities is exempt from Capital Gain Tax and you can also claim relief on your Income Tax (up to the 40% tax band) on the market value of the shares donated.

Monies received can be dedicated to the further provision of powered wheelchairs or can be offered to assist with the charity's running costs. If desired, a wheelchair can be presented in the name of a specific donor. With the support of Med-Ecosse Ltd, the discounted cost per chair is in the region of £3000, dependent on specific individual needs.