

## **Subscribing to the Society using PayPal**

You can now pay your subscription using PayPal.

### **What is PayPal?**

PayPal is a tried and tested facility to make payments over the Internet. Once your account has been set up with PayPal, actual payment is made with one click of your mouse.

### **Is PayPal safe?**

PayPay has been used for a number of years and is now accepted as a secure method of paying for products or services over the Internet.

### **How does it work?**

First you will need to set up a PayPal account. Go to [www.paypal.co.uk](http://www.paypal.co.uk) (or, if not in the UK go to the PayPal Web site in your country. PayPal operates in over 190 countries worldwide).

Once there, follow the instructions to set up a new account. You will need to input details of one or more credit cards to be used for payment. You can also arrange for your bank account to be used for payment. This is slightly more complex due to the need to prevent fraud and prove that you are the real owner of the account, so you will probably want to use the credit card route at least initially.

Once your PayPal account is set up, the rest is easy:

- Click on the appropriate “payment button” (below) representing the type of subscription you want to make.
- You will be transferred to the PayPal Web site to authorise the payment.
- The funds will be withdrawn from your credit card account (or bank account) and transferred to the PayPal account of The Johnson Society of London.
- You will receive an email receipt showing that payment has been made. It will tell you how that payment will appear in your credit card statement.
- The Treasurer of the Johnson Society of London receives an email saying that we have received your payment.
- Please note that no other acknowledgement from the Society will be sent – your PayPal receipt is your proof of purchase.

### **Why is the Society promoting this method of payment?**

Currently more than a third of our registered members do not pay their subscriptions regularly. Of the remainder, about half are paying old subscription rates.

One of the main reasons for this is that it's easy to forget to update standing order requests.

By using online payments with PayPal, the Society should be able to improve its funding situation and offer improved facilities to members.

### **Why should I use PayPal to pay my subscription?**

- It's easy and fast – just a few clicks and it's done. Payments are immediate. It's quicker than sending cheques or postal orders.
- It's safe and private - PayPal does not reveal your financial information to sellers. Fraud prevention keeps your money safe.
- It's cost-effective – there is no cost to you to send money.
- It's easy to keep your subscriptions up-to-date, so the Society stays solvent.
- You don't have to remember to update your standing orders.
- It's convenient for many other internet purchases that you may make. Most internet sites allow you to pay using PayPal.

### **What about recurring payments?**

As you can see, you can click a button for recurring payments. This will set up a mechanism so that PayPal deducts your payment annually on the 1st of October. You will again receive an email notification that payment has been collected from your account. You can cancel a recurring payment at any time through the PayPal Web site.