

- the Editor does all of the above, liaising with the printer and makes the final decision on publication
- it is not possible to guarantee an article will be printed; it cannot be returned to the author
- the *SHARE* team will not assess the quality of poetry; poetry is not published
- in line with AA's principle of anonymity, obituaries are not accepted for publication

How is *SHARE* produced?

- the *SHARE* team is a Sub Committee of the General Service Board (GSB) of AA GB
- all members of the Team, who give freely of their time and resources, have been interviewed by the GSB Nominations Committee
- the only external costs are those of production, printing, distribution and telephone
- all production liaison is electronic
- *SHARE* works on a Tradition Seven basis – any surplus going into Fellowship funds

How does a group order *SHARE*?

- *SHARE*'s cover price has been held at £1 per copy since 2001
- it is sold to groups, Intergroups and individuals who take out a subscription from GSO (address below)
- the minimum monthly order is one copy for six months; one or more copies for one year is usual
- payment must be sent with the order, although you can also arrange to pay by bank transfer
- copies are mailed monthly from GSO in a plain brown envelope
- subscriptions may be increased, at any time, by sending a further Order Form to GSO

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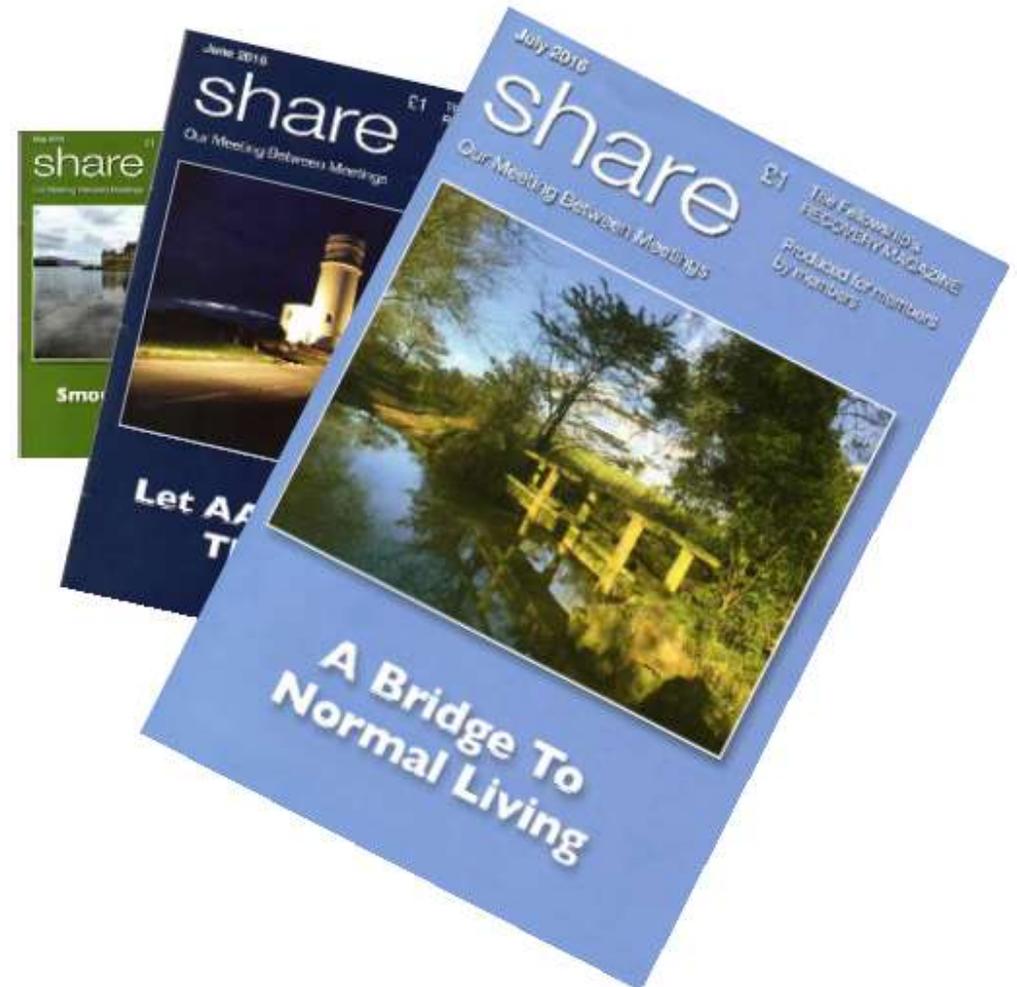
Articles should be sent to and Order Forms are available from:

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SHARE SHARE



**Suggestions
For Intergroup *SHARE* Representatives**

Suggestions for SHARE

Intergroup Liaison Officers

Welcome to the SHARE Team. We hope that you will find this helpful in your work as a SHARE Liaison Officer.

Don't forget to check the website (Fellowship Magazines and Documents Library) for other useful information.

WHAT IS SHARE?

- the Official journal of AA in England and Wales - our "meeting between meetings"
- an opportunity to learn about our Fellowship and its Programme
- a chance to share with other members you may never meet
 - by reading their contributions to *SHARE*
 - by writing to *SHARE*
- a means for newcomers to identify with others
- a resource for up-to-date information on AA groups and events
- a way to carry the Fellowship discreetly with you – anywhere, anytime

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

- take it on holiday, when you cannot get to a meeting
- buy a copy from your Group to give to a newcomer as another recovery tool
- subscribe for your Sponsee, so they have another viewpoint on recovery, the Steps and Traditions
- give a subscription gift to your Sponsor or another member
- donate your old copies to a local prison, doctor's surgery or hospital (remembering to *remove* the centre pages)

YOU CAN HELP

- to increase the circulation of *SHARE*
- to encourage members to submit articles and letters for publication
- Guidelines for *SHARE* Liaison Officers are available from the AA GB website or from the General Service Office

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROMOTING SHARE

- become familiar with the current articles in *SHARE* and talk to members about them to promote sales and encourage readership
- carry a few spare *SHARE* Order Forms to all AA activities, then
- collect the subscriptions and send them off to GSO
- visit the Groups in your area and do the same
- encourage members to write for *SHARE*
- remind members that *SHARE* is a tool of recovery

PROMOTING SHARE WITHIN GROUPS

- visit the group
- get the details from GSO showing which groups within an Intergroup do and don't subscribe
- non-subscribing groups may never have seen *SHARE*, or may have discontinued their subscription. For these groups, take along a copy of *SHARE* and ask someone to read it and to pass it on
- remind the group that the 1996 Conference recommended that each group should have a *SHARE* officer
- suggest giving a copy (current or otherwise) with the newcomers pack
- remind groups that *SHARE* pays for itself, if all the copies are sold. Some groups keep a separate *SHARE* pot to pay the next subscription
- supporting *SHARE* can also mean writing for it as well as buying it
- unsold copies and used copies need not go to waste – old copies of *SHARE* are always needed for prisons and other institutions (with the centre pages removed)

WHO IS A SHARE REP'S BEST CONTACT IN A GROUP?

Talk to the group *SHARE* Rep. If there isn't one, talk to -

- the **Literature Secretary**, who could order *SHARE*
- the **Secretary**, who could give 'commercials' for *SHARE*
- the **GSR**, who is an experienced group member

PROMOTING SHARE AT INTERGROUP MEETINGS

- always report something – keep *SHARE* visible
- report at each Intergroup meeting all group subscriptions and notable changes in the levels of subscriptions
- encourage Intergroup members to submit articles
- highlight articles written by members in the Intergroup
- remind Intergroup to advise *SHARE* of its forthcoming Intergroup events for inclusion in the monthly Calendar
- advise Intergroup of the two-month lead time for articles on the Steps, Traditions and Concepts and the next deadline (from the date of the Intergroup meeting)
- ensure that some Order Forms are always available

FAQs

What happens when an article is submitted to *SHARE*?

When an article is sent to GSO:

- it is forwarded to the Editor, Assistant Editor and a panel of Readers
- each Reader reviews the article in terms of content, interest and suitability
- the Assistant Editor reviews it in terms of the Traditions, correct citing of quotations, punctuation and lucidity