

# Bonus rates

## and past performance



Sheffield Mutual generates investment returns for its policyholders through its managed with-profits fund. As we have no shareholders to satisfy, the Society can distribute surplus profits to policyholders through the payment of annual bonuses, as well as other discretionary member benefits. The current and past annual bonus rates can be found on our website and in the table below for products open to new business. The 2023 interim rate is used for maturities and claims prior to the next declaration in March 2024 and may go up or down before being declared. It is not a reliable indicator of future bonus rates.

	Tax Exempt Savings Plan <sup>1</sup> (Type 43)	Tax Exempt Savings Plan with Life Insurance <sup>1</sup>	Regular Savings Plan <sup>1</sup> (Type 47)	Investment Bond	Income Bond	Investment ISA <sup>2</sup>	Investment Junior ISA <sup>2</sup>
2023 interim rate	2.00%	1.75%	1.75%	3.25%	3.50%	5.25%	5.50%
2022	1.00%	0.75%	0.75%	1.75%	2.00%	6/4/22-31/7/22: 3.75%	6/4/22-31/7/22: 4.00%
						1/8/22-28/2/23: 4.00%	1/8/22-28/2/23: 4.25%
						1/3/23-5/4/23: 5.00%	1/3/23-5/4/23: 5.25%
2021	0.70%	0.50%	0.50%	1.50%	1.75%	3.50%	3.75%
2020	0.70%	0.50%	0.50%	1.50%	1.75%	3.50%	3.75%
2019	0.95%	0.75%	0.75%	2.00%	2.25%	4.00%	4.25%

Charges differ per product, please refer to the product literature for up to date charges information.

<sup>1</sup>Bonus rate is calculated from and added to the ‘sum assured’ (guaranteed final amount), not the amount paid in, so the rates are not directly comparable to other savings rates.

<sup>2</sup>**Before deduction of the 1.25% annual management charge for ISAs and JISAs (effective from 6th April 2023), reduced from 1.50% which is applicable for all previous tax years.**

You may also receive a final bonus on maturity or encashment of your plan. Final bonuses are not guaranteed. Please see our website or contact the office for further information.

Jamie Bellamy  
Chief Executive

“We hope that you will choose to save or invest with Sheffield Mutual.

As a mutual, our member’s interests have always been at the forefront of our thinking, as demonstrated by the first-class personal service provided by our team, excellent online reviews and competitive bonus rates.

We are proud to say that we have been improving the financial wellbeing of our members since 1892 and we’d love to do the same for you and your family.”



### 2022 business & financial highlights

- ✓ Total assets remained high at £201 million (2021: £206 million)
- ✓ Traditional membership grew to 12,738 (2021: 12,627)
- ✓ Total number of traditional policies increased by 3% to 18,978 (2021: 18,498)
- ✓ Including the Child Trust Fund the Society now has 81,407 policies and accounts

### What our members say

- “As a new customer I was very impressed with the service provided. Staff were very helpful and my application was dealt with quickly.”  
Kevin Stephenson
- “I can assure potential investors that customer service at Sheffield Mutual is second to none, they are always very polite as well as being knowledgeable. I am always happy to reinvest, and have always been satisfied with the returns. I cannot speak more highly of them.”  
John Smith
- “This is a lovely company to do business with - they pick up the phone! Quickly! I know that is so basic but nowadays, a lost art. They are also engaged, intelligent team workers who make notes on your file and when they say they’ll call you back, they do! Amazing. We cannot rate them any higher. They are local to the area their HQ is in which is lovely and you can hear their lovely accents. Great products, and great service.”  
Gemma



★★★★★  
4.94 Rating 374 Reviews 6 March 2023

# Sheffield Mutual's with-profits fund

## Understanding with-profits

Sheffield Mutual's with-profits fund is managed to provide a medium to low risk investment, appealing to individuals with a more cautious approach to investing. When you save or invest with us, we pool your money together with other members' in the with-profits fund. The fund invests in commercial property, shares of companies, fixed interest investments and cash, and aims to offer a better return than a typical bank or building society account.

## Explaining smoothing

A particular feature of with-profits is 'smoothing'. This is the process of holding back some surplus profits in good years to top up policy bonuses in years where the investment performance is less positive. 'Smoothing' aims to even out the short term ups-and-downs that is often associated when investing directly in the stock market and has enabled the Society to maintain stable bonus rates even during periods of investment volatility, as experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The payment of policy bonuses is not guaranteed and is reliant on the performance of the with-profits fund.**

## Why choose Sheffield Mutual?

- ✓ We are a successful independent mutual organisation
- ✓ We specialise in with-profits policies
- ✓ We offer a wide range of simple products
- ✓ We provide guarantees on many of our products
- ✓ We treat members fairly
- ✓ We are financially strong & well managed
- ✓ We offer discretionary benefits to members

## Our ethical stance

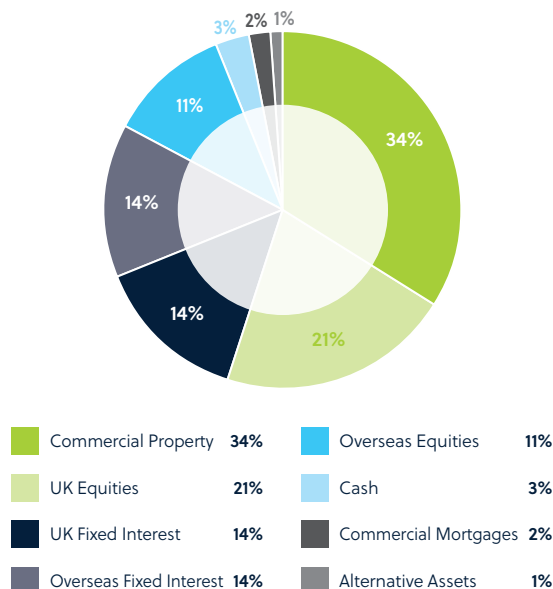
ESG stands for Environmental, Social, and Governance and it looks at how firms' consider these ethical factors in their day to day business and long-term strategies.

Over many years the Society's with-profits fund has aimed not to invest knowingly or directly in industries relating to armaments, tobacco, gambling or pornography.

The Society uses Sustainalytics (an independent rating system) to provide an ESG score on its direct equity and bond holdings. The scoring considers many factors on the underlying investments, including carbon footprint, human rights, resource use, and corporate governance, and inclusion and diversity.

## Where we invest your money

Our with-profits fund is built upon a cautious approach to investing within a diverse range of asset classes.



As at 31/12/2022

## Risks you should be aware of:

- Tax treatment depends on individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future
- If you cash in your ISA or Junior ISA during times of adverse market conditions, you may get back less than has been paid in
- If you surrender a bond in the first five years a surrender penalty will apply, meaning you may get back less than you invested
- If you surrender an endowment plan before maturity you may get back less than you have paid in

This factsheet should not be considered as financial advice. Its purpose is to provide an insight into the Society's current and past bonus rates and how we provide a return to members. If you are unfamiliar with any of the terminology or for a full explanation of the above figures please contact us on the details below.



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