Q: If my PCC is not required to register, can I get a Charity number?

A: All PCCs are charities. Those who continue to be excepted from registration, because their income is below the threshold, and are asked for their charity number should state that they are excepted from registration by Statutory Instrument No 180 Charities (exception from registration) Regulations 1996). It may be acceptable for you to quote your Gift Aid claim number provided that you make it clear that it is your reference number with HM Revenue & Customs as a charity, and not a Charity Commission number.