

## **The Constitution of The Trust for Devizes - adopted 1967**

1. The name of the Society is '**The Trust for Devizes**'.
2. The objects of the Society are:

### **To protect and maintain the character and amenities of the Devizes area.**

3. Membership of the Society shall be open to any person willing to support the objects of the Society.
4. The minimum subscriptions for Annual membership and Life membership shall be as determined by the Committee and approved by a majority of members present and voting at an AGM. The Society shall have the power to accept donations for any purpose consistent with its objects and may make special appeals for funds to be used in connection with any such purpose.
5. The Management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Chairman, The Honorary Secretary, The Honorary Treasurer and not more than seven other Members provided that the Committee may co-opt additional Members to the Committee. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
6. The Society shall at its first Meeting and at every Annual General Meeting elect a Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary together with seven other members to constitute the Committee for the ensuing year. The Members of the Committee shall take office at the end of the Meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office until the end of the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the Committee may be re-elected for a further term or terms of office. The Chairman for the time being of the Committee shall also be the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.
7. From time to time the Society may elect an Honorary President by a simple majority in a General Meeting.
8. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep accounts of all moneys received and expended on account of the Society and shall present such accounts at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. A Banking Account shall be opened on behalf of the Society and all cheques drawn upon the said account shall require the signature of at least two Members of the Committee.
9. The financial year of the Society shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year and a General Meeting of Members shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary as soon thereafter as possible and in any case within three months for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, for electing the officers and the Committee for the ensuing year and to consider any other business as may be necessary. Fourteen days notice of such Meeting shall be sent to all Members. Fifteen Members present in person shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a quorum not being present the Meeting shall be adjourned to such place date and time within the ensuing fourteen days as the Chairman shall decide and the Members present at such adjourned Meeting shall constitute a quorum.
10. An extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by a resolution of the Committee or on the requisition of at least ten Members of the Society. A Meeting held on such requisition shall be held within twenty-one days of the receipt of such requisition by the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Secretary shall give to the other Members of the Society fourteen days notice of such Meeting. A quorum shall be the same as a quorum at the Annual General Meeting.
11. All matters not hereinbefore provided for and not involving amendment to this constitution may be dealt with by the Committee.
12. The Society in General Meeting by a resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of those present and voting may amend this constitution save that there shall be no power to amend clauses. 2 or 3 or this clause.

[Last amended at an Extraordinary General meeting on 11 June 2010]