

CONSTITUTION FOR THE BATH RAMBLING CLUB

15 August 2022

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be The Bath Rambling Club.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) That membership shall be open to all.
- b) To encourage all members to lead walks for the Club in due course. Initially, new members may need the assistance of more experienced walkers. All prospective leaders are encouraged to pre-walk in pairs.
- c) To offer different levels of walks on most Sundays and to offer midweek walks.
- d) To arrange short holidays whenever possible and any other activities that are authorised by the committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) The annual membership fee covers the costs of insurance, room hire, donations to speakers at functions, correspondence/telephone calls, production of the programme and promotion of the Club's activities.
- b) The membership fee is due on 1st September each year.
- c) Members share transport to the walks and a contribution towards the driver's expenses is recommended at the driver's discretion.
- d) Visitors may walk two trial walks and then the membership fee must be paid.

4. MANAGEMENT

- a) The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer/Membership Secretary and such other Committee members as deemed necessary.
- b) The Committee may, at its discretion, appoint a Vice-Chairman from the existing members of the Committee.
- c) The management of the Club is vested in the Committee.
- d) All members of the Committee retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.
- e) The Committee decides when and where it meets.
- f) Four Committee members form a quorum.
- g) The Chairman has the right to a casting vote.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the preceding financial year to:-

- i) Consider the Committee's reports and the audited Statement of Accounts up to 31st August.
 - ii) Appoint the Committee for the following year.
 - iii) Confirm the examiner of accounts for the following year.
- b) An AGM shall be deemed ineffective unless attended by a quorum of at least one sixth of the total number of members.
 - c) Members may offer other items for discussion by giving notice in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the AGM.
 - d) Should members wish to propose alterations to the Constitution, these shall be notified to the Secretary four weeks before the AGM.

6. FINANCE

- a) The financial year ends on 31st August.
- b) The Treasurer/Membership Secretary shall keep proper financial records and report regularly to the Committee.
- c) All Club accounts shall be held in the bank and/or Building Society approved by the Committee.
- d) The accounts of the Club, made up to 31st August each year, shall be examined by the examiner of accounts confirmed at the AGM. The examiner of accounts shall have right of access to the books, invoices and accounts of the Club and shall certify the correctness of the accounts for presentation at the next AGM.

Signed

Anna Schlesinger, Chairman

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Valerie Smith, Secretary