

Wareham Choral Society

CONSTITUTION

1. Title

The name of the group will be known as the Wareham Choral Society and hereafter will be referred to as the Society

2. Objects

The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in the appreciation of choral music.

3. Membership

The Society shall open to anyone who pays the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Committee, all subscriptions being payable at the beginning of each term.

4. Officers and Committee

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Hon. Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer, a Librarian, the Conductor and Accompanist – the last two being Ex-Officio members – and any co-opted members from the choir.

The Officers and the other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election up to a maximum of three years, after which they must stand down for at least one year. Other officers shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election up to a maximum of five years, after which they must stand down for at least one year.

However if no replacement candidate is available, an officer may, at the discretion of the members at the AGM, continue to perform the office during the year in which they should stand down, and be eligible for re-election subsequently.

5. Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Executive Committee may exercise the following powers:

- i) to raise funds and to invite contributions provided that in raising funds the Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- ii) to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the object;
- iii) to employ such staff (only the Conductor and Accompanist of whom shall be a members of the Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects;
- iv) to co-operate with charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objectives or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;

- v) to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- vi) to appoint and constitute such advisory committees as the Committee may think fit;
- vii) to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objectives.

6. Management

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee.

7. Finance

- (i) The financial year shall end on the last day of August.
- (ii) A bank or Building Society account shall be opened in the name of the Society, the terms of the Bank or Building Society mandate to be agreed by the Committee.
- (iii) The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

8. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, any assets remaining after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the Society.

9. General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after the start of the autumn term, and no later than the end of December.

10. Audited Accounts

The financial accounts shall be independently examined and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

11. Amendments

Any amendments to the Objects and or the Powers may be made by a majority vote when a minimum of two-thirds of the membership are present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given.

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