



## Constitution (May 2012)

1. **The title of the society** shall be the Westbury on Trym Society.
2. **The objects of the Society** shall be to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Westbury on Trym and neighbourhood as the Committee shall from time to time determine: In particular to further the maintenance, improvement and development of the environment and amenities of Westbury on Trym and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupations for the inhabitants of Westbury on Trym in the interests of social welfare within the meaning of the Recreational Charities Act 1958.
3. **Membership of the Society** shall be open to all persons, firms and other bodies supporting the objects of the society.
4. **Annual subscriptions** shall be at the rate decided at the Annual General Meeting and shall become due on 1<sup>st</sup> June in each year. Membership shall lapse in the event that subscriptions remain unpaid after 30th November in each year. The financial year shall commence on 1st April in each year and end on the following 31st March.
5. **The Officers of the Society** shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Officers shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.
6. **The Committee of the Society** shall consist of the officers and up to nine other members. Members other than the officers shall be elected for three years and three members other than the officers shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.
7. **Nominations to the Committee** duly proposed and seconded shall be received by the Honorary Secretary, not less than fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
8. **The Committee shall have power** to do all things necessary in its discretion to further the objects of the Society and in particular to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies for that purpose.
  - i. The Committee may pay all proper expenses of the administration and management of the Society may invoice monies, borrow or invest monies and in the event of the winding up of the Society, pay any surplus funds to a registered Charity.
  - ii. The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members.
  - iii. A Quorum of the Committee shall be five members.
  - iv. The Chairman of the Committee shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
  - v. The elected Committee of the Society shall be empowered to appoint such sub-committees and project groups as are deemed necessary to assist in the efficient organisation of Society activities.  
All such sub-committees and groups shall be accountable to the elected Chairman, Treasurer, other elected officers and members of the Main Committee of the Society in all matters of administration and expenditure and shall report back regularly to the Main Committee of the Society.
9. **An Annual General Meeting** shall be held on or before the last Monday in April in each calendar year. The AGM shall be subject to 28 days notice. The business of the AGM shall be to adopt the Chairman's report and the accounts, to elect officers and fill vacancies on the Committee, to fix the annual subscription for the ensuing year and to transact any other business detailed in the Notice convening the Meeting.
10. **Extraordinary General Meetings.** The Committee may convene for specific purposes, at any time, on fourteen days notice to members, an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall do so if required by not less than ten per cent of the members, by notice in writing to the Society.
11. **General Meetings.** Except as otherwise provided,
  - i. All resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of members present and voting.
  - ii. A Quorum at all General Meetings of the Society shall be thirty members.
  - iii. Each paid up member shall have one vote.
12. **The Constitution of the Society** may be repealed or altered at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of no less than two thirds of the members present and voting, provided that 28 days' notice of the proposed repeal or alteration has been given and excepting that no amendment may be made to the Constitution that would make the Society non-charitable at law.