



Constitution

Name

1. The Association shall be called the **HARTLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**.

Objectives

2.
 - a. To advance and protect the common interest of the residents and to improve the amenities of the district.
 - b. To ascertain the opinions of the residents on local matters and to lay such opinions before the appropriate bodies when considered desirable.
 - c. To encourage and develop social activities and co-operate where possible with other existing organisations.
3. The Association shall not affiliate to any political party or participate in party politics. The Executive Committee shall however have the power to invite any local Councillors to attend the Committee meetings where it is considered it would be an advantage to the area and Association so to do. Any Councillors who accept this invitation will not be entitled to any voting power.

Subscriptions

4. The annual subscription shall be £3 per household, due on April 1st annually, subject to any amendment that a general meeting may approve.

Membership

5. Membership shall be open to all adult residents within the geographical boundaries of The Association.

Management

6. The officers of The Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall consist of:

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer

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The officers together with not less than four or more than eight ordinary members of the committee shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with all matters as they arise, including the appointment of sub-committees. They shall also have the power to fill vacancies arising among the officers of the members of the Executive Committee. Membership of Sub-Committees need not be restricted to members of the Executive Committee, provided that at least one member of every sub-committee is a member of the Executive Committee.

In the event of a committee member being absent from six consecutive meetings without due notice, then he/she shall be deemed to have resigned.

Newsletter

7. A newsletter shall be published every six months to all members free of charge. The Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Activities

8. With the authority of the Executive Committee, a separate section committee shall be established for the organisation of any activities as may from time to time be desired. Members of these committees need not be members of the Executive Committee, providing that appropriate arrangements are made for liaison with each section committee. Each activity shall, so far as possible, be self-funding.

General Meeting

9. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the spring or early summer and further General Meetings shall be convened by the Executive Committee, or by written request given to the Honorary Secretary by at least twenty members.

Accounts

10. The Honorary Treasurer shall present an audited Statement of Accounts at the Annual General meeting. Cheques drawn on The Association's bank account shall be signed by any two of the four officers.

Cessation

11. In the event of The Association itself ceasing to function, all monies and property belonging to The Association shall be disposed of in accordance with the wishes of an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose of winding up The Association.

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Notices

12. Notice of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in The Association's newsletters. A copy of the agenda and audited accounts will be provided to members attending the AGM and to any other member who requests them.

Alteration to Constitution

13. No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.

Voting

14. The direction of The Association's business at General Meetings shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present.

Committee Meetings

15. These are to be held monthly, where practicable and four Executive Committee Members shall form a quorum.

May 1993 and amended at AGM held on 15 May 1995.

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