

THE LOWER WINDRUSH GARDEN CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY shall be THE LOWER WINDRUSH GARDEN CLUB

2. OBJECTS.

The object of the Club shall be to promote interest in the cultivation of flowers, fruit and vegetables by means of shows, meetings, lectures, slide shows, and by visits to places of horticultural interest.

3. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

A President and up to two Vice-Presidents shall be chosen by members of the Club or Committee and shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is available upon paying membership fees to all those interested in the objects of the Club.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Financial Year will end on 31st August and the Annual General Meeting will be held as soon as convenient after that date. This meeting will be chaired by the President or if not available the Vice-President. 25% of the membership will constitute a quorum. At the Annual General Meeting the Chairman and Officers of the Committee will report on the Club's activities in the past year. The Treasurer will submit the audited accounts for approval by the meeting. The Chairman and Members of the Committee will be elected or re-elected each year at the Annual General Meeting by Club members. The officers positions within the committee will be appointed at the first meeting of the new Committee in accordance with Rule 6.

6. COMMITTEE.

The Club will be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman and a minimum of four Officers (Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, and Show Secretary); other committee members may be appointed as required. The Chairman, Officers and other Committee members will retire at the Annual General Meeting but will be eligible for re-election. A quorum at Committee Meetings shall be not less than four members, and in the event of an equal vote the Chairman will have an additional vote. In the event of resignations occurring other than at the Annual General Meeting or other General Meetings, the Committee will have the power to co-opt willing members to fill the vacancies, and members so co-opted will hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS.

General Meetings of the membership may be held at times appointed by the Committee giving 21 days notice, or at the request in writing of not less than 20% of the members. General Meetings will be held under the Chairmanship of the President or Vice-President. 25% of the membership shall form a quorum at such a meeting of the Club. In the event of equally divided voting at any General Meeting the President shall have an additional vote.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions will be as recommended by the Treasurer and approved by the Committee, and put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting each year. All subscriptions are payable in September each year. A charge will be made for visitors at the discretion of the Committee.

9. BANKING

The elected Treasurer shall be permitted to conduct club financial business utilising business online banking. There shall be a minimum of two signatories on the account. The treasurer will be permitted to authorise payments solely but any amount over £250 will require recorded consultation with a second account signatory.

10. OTHER MATTERS.

Any matters not provided for in this Constitution shall be dealt with by the Committee and ratified by the next Annual General Meeting. Amendments or additions to this Constitution may be made only at an Annual General Meeting on the advice of the Committee.

11. Contravention of any of these Rules will render a member liable to expulsion from the Club.