

THE SOMERSET WALKING CLUB CONSTITUTION

- 1 The name of the Club shall be "The Somerset Walking Club", hereinafter referred to as the Club.
- 2 The objects of the Club shall be to arrange a programme of rambles for its members and to assist them in their rambling activities.
- 3 The Club shall be affiliated to the Ramblers' Association
- 4 The management of the Club shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee (the Committee) established annually at each Annual General Meeting and its membership shall comprise:-
Honorary Officers of the Club – Chair Person, Vice-Chair Person, Treasurer, Secretary, Programme Secretary.
Executive members - up to four (the Committee shall have the power as necessary to co-opt).
President - to be elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for not more than three consecutive years.
- 5 The Committee shall meet at least three times a year and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings.
- 6 The Treasurer shall present the accounts at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7 The funds of the Club shall be dealt with by any two of the Chair Person, Secretary and Treasurer. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, any funds remaining in the Treasurer's hands shall be placed at the disposal of the Ramblers' Association.
- 8 The Committee reserves the right to refuse admittance without giving any reason.
- 9 A person's membership of the Club shall terminate if his/her subscription is six months in arrears. The Committee may expel any member without giving their reasons upon the agreement of a simple majority.
- 10 The annual subscription shall be determined by the Committee and shall be payable on the first of January each year. A subscription shall be valid from 1 January to 31 December. The subscription of an applicant for membership who is admitted between the 1 October and 31 December shall be valid until 31 December of the following year.
- 11 The Annual General Meeting shall be held once in every calendar year and members shall be given at least 21 days' notice of the business of the meeting.
- 12 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 30 days if requested either by the Committee or in writing by one-sixth of the members, who shall state the purpose of the meeting. Members shall be given at least 21 days' notice of the business of the meeting.
- 13 The Club shall be dissolved if two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting shall be in favour thereof.
- 14 The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution. It may be amended at a general meeting if two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be in favour thereof.
- 15 Neither the Club nor any individual member thereof shall be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained by a member or guest arising from participation in Club activities.
- 16 Only members and their guests shall be allowed to participate in Club activities. For the purposes of this clause, non members participating in Club activities who are not guests of any member shall be deemed guests of the Secretary.
- 17 A copy of the Constitution and the General Advice on Walking Safely document shall be available on the Club website or from the Secretary.

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