

HINDERWELL HORSE AND AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1 The name of the Society shall be the Hinderwell Horse and Agricultural Show Society.

2 **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Society are:

(a) To promote improvement in the breeding and rearing of livestock and the encouragement of skill and industry in agriculture and horticulture.

(b) To demonstrate improved methods and processes connected with the above.

(c) To encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community

(d) To foster community spirit and encourage voluntary engagement

In furtherance of the Objectives but not otherwise, the Society shall have the following **Powers**:

(1) To hold an Annual Show for the exhibition of livestock, farm produce, machinery, implements, tools, appliances, utensils, animal feedstuffs, fertilizers, seeds and other things appertaining to agriculture and the countryside

(2) To encourage agricultural interests in the community

(3) To promote involvement of the residents of Hinderwell and the surrounding areas to work together irrespective of age, sex, ethnicity, ability, religion or political view

(4) To promote improve agricultural improvement and conservation by informing, encouraging and assisting the local population in agricultural practice

(5) Invite and receive contributions and raise funds where appropriate to finance the work of the society and to open a bank account to manage such funds

(6) Employ volunteers as necessary to conduct activities to meet the objectives

(7) Take any form of action necessary that is lawful, which is necessary to achieve the objectives

(8) To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the above Objectives.

3 COMMITTEE

- (a) There shall be an active Committee which shall manage the affairs of the Society and will consist of the following officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and any additional officers the committee deems necessary to carry out the required activities, together with no less than 12 ordinary members.

The Officers and the additional members of the Committee shall be elected annually by the ordinary members at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and shall serve until the end of the Annual General Meeting following their election.

If the Chairperson is absent from any meeting the Vice-Chairperson shall preside, otherwise the members present shall, before any other business is transacted; choose one of their number to preside at that meeting.

- (b) The Committee shall have the power to appoint officials for the Society and may determine the terms of remuneration and honorariums.
- (c) One third members of the Committee present and voting shall form a Quorum. The Chairman shall abstain from voting but have a casting vote in the case of a tied vote
- (d) The Committee shall be empowered to alter or amend the Rules of the Society as necessary at the AGM or a Special General Meeting. The rules are to be published in the annual schedule and catalogue.
- (e) The Committee shall have power to appoint any Sub-Committee from time to time and determine their power and terms of reference.

4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the months of January/ February annually (the date being not later than 15 months after the last Annual General Meeting) at a place as may be determined by the Committee. The Committee and members of the public shall be given at least 14 days notice of the Annual General Meeting.

The Business to be included at the meeting shall be:

- the election of officers and ordinary members to the Committee
- the presentation of the Chairperson's Report for the previous year
- approval of the annual independently examined statement of accounts
- any other business of which the Secretary has been given at least 10 days notice in writing. (Other business should include nomination of a show president)

The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be one third of the members. All matters voted upon shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and voting. The Chairman shall abstain from voting but have a casting vote in the case of a tied vote

5 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called on 14 days notice to the Committee and members of the public and shall also be called if requested in writing by not less than one third of the membership of the Society having the power to vote. The notice of requisition shall include the business to be discussed at the Special General Meeting and no other business shall be discussed.

The quorum for any General Meeting of the Society shall be one third of the members. Every member present at a General Meeting shall be entitled to 1 vote upon every motion. The Chairman shall abstain from voting but have a casting vote in the case of a tied vote

6. SHOW ASSETS

The show secretary should maintain an asset register and location document countersigned by the chairperson. This should be included as a regular agenda item

7 FINANCES

The Financial year of the Society shall be from 1 November to 31 October. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Society and all cheques drawn upon the said account shall require the signature of two members of the Committee.

(a) All books, subscriptions and accounts to be handed to the Treasurer within 21 days after the date of the Annual Show

(b) A financial statement shall be prepared and after being duly independently examined shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting

(c) All monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied to further the objects of the Society and for no other purpose.

(d) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper Accounts of the finances of the Society.

8 POWER TO INVEST

The Committee shall be empowered to invest such monies as are not required for the immediate working purposes of the Society into a deposit account of a bank or building society (FSA approved)

9 ALTERATIONS OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting duly convened for the purpose. Notice of any proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least 14 clear days before such meeting.

10 DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

The Society may be dissolved at any time by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting called for that purpose. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of any debts and liabilities to be transferred to such charitable institution or institutions whose objects are similar to those of the Society as the Committee may direct.