

The Somerset Walking Club

Constitution

1. The name of the club shall be 'The Somerset Walking Club, hereafter referred to 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 (hereafter called the Committee) established annually at each Annual General Meeting and shall comprise of:

Honorary Officers of the Club, Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Treasurer, Secretary, Programme Secretary.

Executive members: up to four, plus the Committee shall have the power to co-op members if required.

President: To be elected at an Annual General Meeting (hereafter called the AGM) and shall hold the office for not more than three consecutive years.

5. The Committee shall meet at least three times a year. The Secretary will keep the minutes of meetings.
6. The Treasurer will present the accounts at the AGM.
7. The funds of the club shall be dealt with by any two of the Chair Person, Secretary or 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 membership without giving a reason.
9. A person's membership will terminate if their 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 subscriptions will be determined by the Committee and shall be payable on the first of January each year. A subscription shall be valid from the 1st January until the 31st December. For new members joining after the 1st October their subscription shall be valid until 31st December the following year.
11. The AGM 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 will be called by the Secretary within 30 days if requested either by the Committee or in writing by one sixth of the members, who must state the purpose of the meeting. Members shall be given at least 21 days' notice of the business meeting.
13. The Club shall be dissolved if two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting shall be in favour.
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 members present and voting are in favour.
15. Neither Club nor individual members shall be held responsible for loss or injury sustained by a member or guest arising from participating in Club activities.
16. Members and their guests only shall be allowed to participate in Club activities. For the purposes of this clause, non-members participating in Club activities and are not guests of a member, will be deemed to be a guest of the Secretary.
17. A copy of this Constitution and the General Advice on Walking Safely document shall be available on the Club web-site or from the Secretary.

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