

NANTWICH AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY - CONSTITUTION

- 1 Title The name of the Society shall be the Nantwich and District Choral Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.
- 2 Objects The objects of the Society shall be to educate the public in the arts and sciences, and in particular the art and science of music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities.
- 3 Membership The members of the Society shall be those persons who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting, the subscription being payable in advance, and (in the case of the performing members) who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Committee may require.
- 4 Management The sole management and control of the Society, both financial and otherwise, shall be vested in the Committee hereinafter defined.
- 5 Committee The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Conductor(s), Honorary Conductor(s) Elect and four other members. The officers and other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election and the Conductor(s) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall take office twelve months hence.
- 6 President and Vice Presidents The Society may elect persons of standing as President or Vice Presidents. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- 7 Finance
 - (a) The Financial Year shall end on 31st August.
 - (b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or Honorary Secretary.
 - (c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid of financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.
 - (d) The income (and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set out above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.
 - (e) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the Society, but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Society and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets among its members.
- 8 Audited Accounts The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9 General Meeting Within six weeks of the end of each financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days' notice in writing shall have been given.
- 10 Amendments The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a Formal Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and that 50% of the members are present, and provided also that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.