

CONSTITUTION OF RICHMONDSHIRE SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS

1. TITLE

The name of the Society shall be Richmondshire Subscription Concerts ("the Society").

2. OBJECTIVE

The Objective of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and in such ways as the Society through its Board shall determine from time to time.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Members of the Society shall be those persons who pay an annual subscription as determined by the Board. Membership shall run from 1 September of any year to 31 August of the following year.

4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Board of Trustees comprising a Chairperson, a Concert Secretary, a Treasurer and at least four other Trustees. The Trustees 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.

5. MANAGEMENT

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Board.

6. FINANCE

- a) The financial year shall end on 31 May.
- b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques and electronic payments shall be signed or validated by any two approved Trustees.
- c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. 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 shall be applied solely towards promoting the Objective of the Society and no proportion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any Member 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 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.

7. GENERAL MEETING

Prior to the commencement of each season of concerts the Members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which fourteen days notice in writing shall have been given.

8. ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

An Annual Report and a set of Financial Accounts, both approved by the Board, shall be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

9. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all Members and provided also that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

This revision was approved at the Society's Annual General Meeting of 21 June 2017.