

Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

CONSTITUTION

I. The name of the society

The Society shall be known as Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society.

II. Objectives of the Society

The objectives of the Society shall be to:

- encourage the growing and cultivation of flowers, fruit, vegetables.
- promote domestic skills, crafts and photography.

To achieve these objectives, the Society will hold regular flower shows, meetings and gatherings.

III. Membership

i. Eligibility

Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone interested in gardening within its defined constituency.

ii. Honorary Life Members

A member of the society can be granted free Honorary Life Membership at the discretion of the Committee for their contribution to the society.

iii. Subscription

The annual subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and notified to all members. Annual subscriptions are due at the AGM and shall be due no later than 28 days from the date of the Annual General Meeting and are payable to the Membership Secretary.

iv. Expulsion Clause

Any member can be expelled from the Society for misconduct at the discretion of the Committee.

IV. Officers of the Society

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Secretary, Show Secretary and Membership Secretary. Other offices as deemed necessary by the Committee may be added at their discretion.

V. Election of officers

The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and shall hold office until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

VI. Conduct of the Society's affairs

The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Secretary, Show Manager and Membership Secretary and other members as elected at the Annual General Meeting of the society.

VII. Committee meetings of the Society

The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held in accordance with a programme for the year which shall be drawn up by the Committee and issued to all members of the Society as of before its Annual General Meeting.

VIII. Financial Year

The Society's financial year shall end on 31st August.

IX. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the society shall be held at the beginning of the month of October in every year for the purpose of:

- Approving the Committee's Annual Report on the work of the Society during the preceding year.
- Electing officers for the forthcoming year.
- Approving financial statements signed by an Auditor.
- Electing an Auditor for next year.
- Considering any motion which has been notified to the Secretary of the Society at least 28 days prior to the date of the AGM and which has been circulated to all Members.
- Any other matters for consideration by the Committee.

X. Extraordinary Meetings

The Committee has the power to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society at any other time. Notice in writing must be sent to all members not less than 14 days before such a meeting informing them of the date, venue and purpose of the meeting. No business other than detailed in the notice shall be transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

XI. The Society's Funds

All subscriptions and other money's shall be passed to the Treasurer who shall be responsible for all of the society's funds, for keeping accounting records thereof and presenting the accounts for audit at the end of the financial year. All sums received by the Treasurer on the Societies behalf shall be paid into the Society's bank account and all cheques drawn on that account shall be signed by any two nominated officers, one of whom

shall be the Treasurer. The funds of the Society shall be used solely for further the objects of the Society and only in the ways sanctioned by the Committee.

XII. Affiliations

The society shall be affiliated to the following societies and organisations:

- The Royal Horticultural Society
- The National Dahlia Society
- The National Rose Society
- The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies

Affiliation to any other societies and organisations shall be at the discretion of the committee.

XIII. Death or Resignation of Committee Members

If any Committee member shall die or resign before the expiration of their term of office, the Committee may fill the vacancy if they see fit, but the Person so appointed shall retire at the time when their predecessor would have retired i.e. at the next Annual General Meeting.

XIV. Alteration of Constitution

This constitution may only be amended at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting at the consent of all attending members.

XV. Dissolution of the Society

A decision to dissolve the Society shall only be taken at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting which is attended by a minimum of half the total membership. There must be a majority vote in favour of the proposed to dissolve the Society's by those attending the meeting. In the event that the decision to dissolve the Society is agreed, the meeting shall then go to appoint a Committee of not less than three individuals. After making provisions for all outstanding liabilities of the Society, the Committee may transfer the remaining property and funds to such other charity which in their view has similar purposes and objects as those of the Society as they see fit.

XVI. Other Matters

Any other matters for which provision is not made in the constitution shall I be dealt with by the Committee as its discretion and shall be reported to the next Annual General Meeting for endorsement of further direction.