

TEESDALE RECORD SOCIETY

Founded in 1934

CONSTITUTION

(including changes proposed at the Annual Meeting on 1-03-2004)

1. NAME
The name of the society shall be the Teesdale Record Society, (hereinafter referred to as "the Society")
2. OBJECTS
The objects of the Society shall be to encourage the study of, and interests in, local history; to preserve local records; and to publish such records and local history research as are deemed suitable by the Society through its elected committee.
3. MEMBERSHIP
Membership shall be open to any person whose application for membership is accepted by the elected committee of the Society.
4. COMMITTEE
The Committee of the Society shall be constituted annually and shall meet at least twice in each year. At meetings of the Committee the quorum shall be five of its total elected membership.

The Committee shall consist of Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not more than five other persons elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the votes cast by members present at the meeting. In the event of a tie a ballot shall be taken between those candidates who have tied for the unfilled place(s).

The Committee shall also include any President and Vice-President(s) of the Society as ex-officio members.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to a number not exceeding four.

The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies occurring in membership during the year.

5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- a) promote activities in the furtherance of the objects of the Society;
- b) admit members to the Society;
- c) administer such funds as may be available to the Society, and incur therefrom all such expenditure and enter into all such commitments as it deems necessary or desirable for the furtherance of the objects of the Society;
- d) recommend to the Annual Meeting the membership subscription payable in the financial year. The financial year of the society shall be from the 1st January to 31st December.
- e) have power to appoint Sub-Committees when necessary.
- f) recommend to the Annual Meeting if so desired a President and not more than two Vice-Presidents to be elected by the members on an annual basis.
- g) If the Committee decides that it is necessary or desirable to dissolve the Society, it shall:
 - i) call a meeting of all members of the Society of which not less than twenty-one days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given.
 - ii) If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at that meeting, the Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Society.
 - iii) Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of

6. ANNUAL MEETING

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society. Twenty-one days' clear notice of the- time and place of such Meeting shall be given.

Nominations for Officers and Members of the Committee must be received in writing by the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall:

- a) receive reports from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer on the work and finances of the Society;
- b) elect a committee of a Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and not more than five other persons;
- c) fix the membership fee(s) for the ensuing year;
- d) appoint an Honorary Auditor.

7. OTHER MEETINGS

Extra-ordinary Meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the Committee or on a requisition in writing sent by not less than one-fifth of the members of the Society. The Secretary of the Society shall give not less than fourteen days' notice of the date, time and place of such meetings.

8. AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 1,3,4,5,6,7: The provisions contained in clauses 1,3,4,5,6,7 may be amended by the Society at the Annual Meeting thereof provided always:

a) that notice of any motion to amend any provision shall be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the Society not less than twenty-eight days before such meeting, and the membership shall be informed of such amendments.

b) that any amendment(s) shall receive the approval of not less than two-thirds of the persons present and voting at such meetings;

c) that no amendment shall be inconsistent with the objects of the Society in Clause 2.