

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOOLTON SOCIETY

1 NAME

The name of the Society shall be The Woolton Society.

2 OBJECTS

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area bounded by Menlove Avenue, Beaconsfield Road, Woolton Hill Road, Acrefield Road, Holly Tree Road, Halewood Road, Mackets Lane, Hillfoot Avenue, Speke Road and Hillfoot Road, which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit".

- to stimulate public interest in the area of benefit
- to promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit.
- to secure the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic or public interest in the area of benefit

In furtherance of the said purposes, but not otherwise, the Society through its Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

- To promote research into subjects directly connected with the Objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research.
- To act as a coordinating body and to co-operate with the local authority, planning committees, sanitary, drainage and all other local and statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
- To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
- To publish papers, reports and other literature.
- To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit.
- To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.
- To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise, provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purposes.
- To take and accept gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not.

- x. To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
- xi. To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Society on such terms and on such security as the Executive Committee shall think fit, but so that the liability of individual members of the Society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual subscriptions.
- xii. To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purpose.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society.

Members aged less than 18 years at the time of their subscription is due shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society.

The subscription of a member joining the Society in the three months preceding 1st October in any year shall be regarded as covering membership for the Society's year commencing at the Annual General Meeting following the date of joining the Society.

4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription shall be (as amended in October 2007):

Adult single	£6.00	Pensioner/Student, (single)	£4.00
Adult joint	£9.00	Pensioner/Student (joint)	£6.00

Or such other reasonable sum as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time, and it shall be payable on or before the Annual General Meeting each year. Membership shall lapse if the annual subscription is unpaid three months after it is due.

5 MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about October of each year after at least 28 days' notice, to receive the Executive committee's report and accounts and to elect officers and Members of the committee. The committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the society shall be held and shall give at least 14 days' notice of such meetings to all members.

Special General Meetings of the society shall be held at the written request of members representing not less than ten per cent of the existing membership of the Society, and whose subscriptions are fully paid up.

10% of the membership, personally present, shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Society.

6 OFFICERS

Nomination for the election of Officers shall be made in writing at or before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. Nominees for election as officers or Committee members shall declare at the Annual General Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to the Society.

The officers of the Society shall consist of:

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Environment Secretary
Membership Secretary

All of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A president and vice-president may also be elected at a General Meeting of the society for periods to be decided at such meeting. The executive committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the officers of the society.

7 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the society. The executive committee shall consist of the officers and not more than 10 other members.

The committee shall have power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). The president and vice-president may attend any meeting of the executive committee, but shall not vote at any such meeting. In the event of equality in the votes cast, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Nominations for election to the executive committee shall be made in writing at or before the Annual General Meeting. A seconder must support them and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such a manner as shall be determined. Members of the executive committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the society. **Four members shall retire each year, but be eligible for re-election. Members who have not attended at least 3 Executive Committee meetings in the previous year must resign unless specifically exempted by the Officers, and will not be eligible for re-election. Such exemption may not be given in two consecutive years.**

The executive committee shall normally meet not less than six times a year, and the Honorary Secretary shall give all members not less than seven days' notice of each meeting. The quorum shall, as near as may be comprise one third of the members of the executive committee.

8 SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive committee may constitute such sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit. The chairman and secretary of a sub-committee shall be appointed by the executive committee and all actions and proceedings of each sub-committee shall be reported to and be confirmed by the executive committee as soon as possible. Members of the executive committee may be members of any sub-committee and membership of a sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the executive committee. Sub-committees shall be subordinate to the executive committee and may be regulated or dissolved by the executive committee.

9 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It shall be the duty of every officer or member of the executive committee or a sub-committee who is in any way directly or indirectly interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any committee meeting at which he or she is present, to declare such an interest and he or she shall not discuss such an item or vote thereon.

10 EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The executive committee shall, out of the funds of the society, pay all appropriate expenses of administration and management of the society. After the payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve such sums as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the society shall be applied by the executive committee in furtherance of the purposes of the society.

11 INVESTMENT

All monies at any time belonging to the society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested by the executive committee in or upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent by the Charity Commissioners or as may be for the time being required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the executive committee.

12 TRUSTEES

Any freehold or leasehold property acquired by the Society shall, and if the executive committee so directs and any other property belonging to the society, may be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as the executive committee may from time to time direct. Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation. The power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the executive committee. A trustee need not be a member of the Society, but no person whose membership lapses

by virtue of paragraph 3 hereof shall, thereafter, be qualified to act as a trustee unless and until re-appointed as such by the executive committee.

The honorary secretary shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees in their duties as trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee corporation) and liability under such an indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

13 Charitable Status

The Woolton Society is a registered charity. The Trustees of the Society shall normally be the Officers of the Society, but may be drawn from other members of the Executive committee if Officers are unwilling to undertake the responsibility.

14 AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that twenty eight days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment, the effect of which would be to cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law.

15 NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by these rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member, or emailed to the email address last notified to the Secretary.

16 WINDING UP

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held not less than fourteen days after the previous meeting. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects reasonably similar to those herein before declared as shall be chosen by the executive committee and approved by the meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed

(This revised constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting of Wednesday 18th November 2015 in The Village Club, Allerton Road Woolton, Liverpool 25 at 7:30 p.m.)