

DOWNTON BAND CONSTITUTION

1. Title

The name of the Society shall be "Downton Band" and it is herein referred to as the Society.

2. Objects

The objects of the Society shall be to educate any member of the general public and in particular the inhabitants of Downton, Wiltshire and to further develop the public's taste and appreciation of the arts.

In the furtherance of the above objects the Society shall have the power to:

- (a) To provide instruments and training in the playing of Brass and Percussion instruments to any member of the Band who requires it.
- (b) To encourage and train young musicians.
- (c) To provide public concerts.
- (d) Join any association that furthers the aims of Brass Band Music.

3. Membership

The Society shall consist of playing and non-playing member who have paid the entrance fee (if any) and subscriptions at the appropriate rate or rates laid down by the Committee. Playing member must satisfy the committee of their musical ability or show willingness to train with the Society. All members must be willing to uphold the objects of the Society.

4. Society's Equal Opportunities Policy

The Society will treat all its members and any member of the general public it has dealing with, without prejudice and will be free from discriminations and harassment.

5. Officers and Committee

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of a President, a Chairman, a Hon. Treasurer, a Hon. Secretary and no less than 4 (four) and no more than 10 (ten) other members. The Officers and the other Committee members shall be elected by the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting, they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. The President of the Society shall, if they wish take the Chair at a General Meeting, otherwise the Chairman shall take the chair at meetings of the Society or the Committee.

6. Management

All the affairs and activities of the society and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee.

7. Finance

- (a) The financial year shall end in 31st December.
- (b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and such persons shall sign cheques, as the Committee shall direct.
- (c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid, loans and financial guarantees.
- (d) The income and property of the Society whensoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society, as set forth 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) The Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds.
- (f) No member of the Society shall receive payment directly or indirectly for services to the Society or for other than legitimate expenses incurred in its work. With the exception of a Musical Director whom the Committee may employ.
- (g) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society, and 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. General Meeting

At the end of each financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days notice shall be given. Notice shall be deemed to have been given if notice of the intention to hold a General Meeting is displayed at any premises normally occupied by the Society and at one other public place or in the Downton Parish Magazine or on one other public notice board at in Downton.

9. Audited Accounts

The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

10. Trustees

Any property of the Society other than cash and moveable property shall be vested in no less than 2 (two) and no more than 4 (four) Trustees, who may be appointed or discharged by a General Meeting of the Society under the provision of section 35 of the Charities Act 1960, or any statutory provision which may amend the said section or be made in substitution for it.

11. Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen day's 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.

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Signed by the Chairman:

Mr R Plaskett

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