

Naturist Ramblers Club – Constitution

Version - January 2022

1. Name

1.1 The official name of the Club shall be 'Naturist Ramblers Club', hereinafter known as 'The Club'.

2. Objective

2.1 The objective of this club is to organise and lead walks along, mostly, public rights of way in quiet countryside for naturists who enjoy walking.

3. Membership

3.1 Membership is open to all interested persons from the age of 18 who agree to abide by this Constitution.

3.2 There are three categories of membership, Paid, Unpaid and Honorary.

3.3 Walkers having paid their annual subscription become Paid members for the current year. Walkers who have not previously walked with The Club need to complete three or more successful walks with The Club before being allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Paid members shall be kept informed of The Club's activities and shall be invited to the Annual General Meeting.

3.4 Paid members who do not renew their membership for the following year become Unpaid members. Unpaid membership status shall lapse after a year. Unpaid members shall be kept informed of The Club's activities, but shall not be invited to the Annual General Meeting.

3.5 An Honorary member shall be deemed to be a person who has given exceptional service to The Club, and may be nominated by a Paid or Honorary member of The Club. Honorary membership status shall be ratified at an Annual General Meeting by voting members. Honorary members will not have to pay an annual subscription. Honorary members shall be kept informed of The Club's activities and shall be invited to the Annual General Meeting.

3.6 New walkers shall be required to complete and sign a Registration Form requesting contact details. The walker's signature is an acknowledgement that the walker understands that they accept full responsibility for their own participation in the walks. All information collected shall be treated as confidential under the terms of General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (UK-GDPR). The Club is fully compliant with UK-GDPR. A copy of The Club's Privacy Statement is available on The Club's website.

3.7 The Committee (see Section 11 of the Constitution below) has the right to decline or cancel membership without giving a reason.

4. Subscriptions

4.1 Subscriptions for all Members shall be fixed annually by the Executive Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

4.2 All walkers shall pay the appropriate annual membership subscription fee on or before attending their first walk of any subscription year. This automatically gives them cover under The Club's insurance policy.

4.3 The subscription year shall be from 1st November to 31st October of the following year.

4.4 After 31st October, the subscription level shall remain as set at the previous AGM. Should it be decided at the following Annual General Meeting that it is necessary for a change in the subscription rate, then this would come into effect at the commencement of the next subscription year on the following 1st November.

5. Management and Committee Structure

5.1 The management, finances and control of The Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of The Club shall consist of the Hon. Chairman, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Walks Development Officer.

5.2 The remainder of the Committee shall consist of any number of Paid or Honorary Members, duly elected from among the Walk Leaders. Walk Leaders do not have to stand on the Committee.

5.3 New Walk Leaders shall be nominated by the Committee and ratified at an Annual General Meeting by voting members.

5.4 The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt additional Committee members from Paid and Honorary members. The combined Executive Committee, Committee Members and the co-opted committee members will be known as The Committee.

5.5 Committee members shall help and advise the Executive Committee when required.

5.6 All Executive Committee and Committee members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

6. Annual General Meeting

6.1 In January of each year the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of The Club. At least twenty-eight days notice shall be given in writing (including email) to each Member of The Club. All Paid and Honorary Members of The Club shall be entitled to attend an Annual General Meeting, but only Paid or Honorary Members who have successfully completed three or more walks with The Club will be allowed to vote.

6.2 Matters to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of:

- Receiving the Annual Report of the Committee and a statement of accounts for the previous year.
- Electing the Executive Committee and Committee Members. Any Paid or Honorary Members wishing to be considered for a position on the Executive Committee should submit their nomination in writing (including by email) duly seconded by another Paid or Honorary Member to the Hon. Secretary no less than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Where more than one candidate is proposed for an office the result shall be determined by ballot of the Paid and Honorary Members present at the meeting.
- In the event that any vote or election is tied, the Chairman will exercise a casting vote.
- A Paid or Honorary Member wishing to propose a resolution at the AGM must ensure that the resolution is received in writing (including by email) by the Hon. Secretary no later than thirty five days before the AGM. The proposed resolution must be seconded by another Paid or Honorary Member.
- Voting on any proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution.

6.3 The quorum for General Meetings (whether Annual or Extraordinary – see Section 7 of the Constitution below) shall be two members of the Executive Committee and at least three Paid or Honorary Members.

7. Extraordinary General Meeting

7.1 The Hon. Chairman or Hon. Secretary may at any time, and shall within twenty-one days of receiving a request to do so, signed by a minimum of 10 Paid or Honorary Members and giving reasons for the request, call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

7.2 At least fourteen days notice of such a meeting shall be given in writing (including email) to each Paid and Honorary Member of The Club and the notice of the meeting shall contain details of the matters to be discussed and the terms of any motions which it is intended to move. All Paid and Honorary Members of The Club who have successfully completed three or more walks with The Club shall be entitled to attend such a meeting and vote thereat.

8. Finance

The Hon. Treasurer shall keep proper financial accounts and shall keep the committee informed as to the financial state of The Club. The Financial Year shall be from 1st November to 31st October of the following year.

9. Dissolution

If, in the event of the dissolution of The Club confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting of The Club, there remains, after the settlement of its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever, they shall be transferred to British Naturism.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

10.1 This Constitution shall only be amended at a General Meeting with the approval of 60% of those present and voting.

10.2 Any proposal for such amendment must be delivered in writing (including email) to the Hon. Secretary at least thirty five days before the meeting at which it is to be discussed. Details of the proposed amendment shall be published in the notice of the General Meeting.

11. Expulsion of Members

The Committee shall have the authority to expel any Member whose behaviour is prejudicial to the good name of The Club, or whose behaviour towards other Members is unacceptable.

12 Ratification of the Constitution

This constitution was agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Naturist Ramblers Club held at the Salehurst Halt (TN32 5PH) AGM meeting on Monday 17th January 2022.

Name (Hon. Chairman).....

Name (Hon. Secretary)

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