

WARKWORTH SHOW CONSTITUTION

A. NAME.

This Society shall be known as Warkworth Show.

B. PATRON

Warkworth Show shall have one patron who will be the Duke of Northumberland.

C. ADMINISTRATION.

Subject to the matters set out below Warkworth Show and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Show Committee, constituted by clause "I" of this constitution ("The Show Committee").

D. OBJECTS.

The objects of Warkworth Show shall be the promotion, encouragement, and enhancement of skills in horticulture, handicrafts, arts, and culinary skills for the advancement of education and the public benefit by holding shows, competitions, lectures and discussions.

E. POWERS OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE.

In furtherance of the objects of Warkworth Show, the Show Committee shall: -

- (1) Raise funds and invite and receive contributions.
- (2) Dispose of funds in a responsible way in pursuance of the objects of Warkworth Show.
- (3) Appoint and constitute such advisory subcommittees of Warkworth Show as the Show Committee may think fit.
- (4) Appoint an auditor or independent examiner of Warkworth Show accounts.
- (5) Consider other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects of Warkworth Show.

F. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership of Warkworth Show will be open to any person residing within a three-mile radius of Warkworth Castle, and to any regular exhibitor and to any individual who supports the annual show. Any such person attending the AGM shall be deemed to be a member of Warkworth Show for that year. Every member present shall have one vote.

G. HONORARY OFFICERS.

At an AGM, the members shall elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting until the next AGM. These officers may stand for re-election for a minimum tenure of up to 3 years in office. An officer willing to serve for an extended period shall be permitted to do so if endorsed by a majority of Members at the AGM.

H. PRESIDENT & VICE - PRESIDENTS.

1) At the AGM the members shall elect a President who shall hold office for one year. The President may stand for re-election for a tenure of up to 3 years in office. A President willing to serve for an extended period shall be permitted to do so if endorsed by a majority of Members at the AGM.

2) At an AGM, the members may elect Vice-Presidents who will be appointed for life. They are elected for what is, in the view of the Members, outstanding services to Warkworth Show.

I. THE SHOW COMMITTEE.

This shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members being:

- 1) The honorary officers.
- 2) Two representatives from each of the sub-committees, these being the Events Management Committee and the Exhibition Committee.
- 3) Up to two co-opted members.

J. MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE.

There shall be a quorum of the show committee when at least two of the four honorary officers, plus at least 50% of the remaining members of the show committee are present at a meeting. Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, but in the case of equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

The show committee will:

- 1) Keep minutes of its meetings.
- 2) Make policy decisions for the staging of the annual exhibition.
- 3) Appoint subcommittees as necessary, including an Exhibition Committee and Events Management Committee.

These subcommittees will submit to the Show Committee:

- minutes of their meetings
 - the names of their Chairmen, having held an annual election
- 4) Identify and delegate, with the agreement of the subcommittees, the main tasks which need to be carried out before the day of the annual show, as well as on show day and at other times as necessary.

- 5) Receive from the Exhibition Committee:
 - recommendations for rules for exhibitors
 - decisions concerning classes to appear in the show schedule in their sections
 - recommendations for the prize monies to be awarded in the sections for which they are responsible
 - recommendations for appropriate judges in each class for which they are responsible.
- 6) Receive from the Events Management Committee:
 - details of arrangement and plans for the staging of the annual show and any other agreed activities
 - details of security and safety arrangements.
- 7) Publish annually a show schedule which will include at least:
 - the objectives of Warkworth Show
 - rules for exhibitors
 - the classes which are to be staged.

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Warkworth Show will operate two bank accounts known as " The Warkworth Show". One will be an interest-bearing deposit account holding the Warkworth Show's reserve funds. The other will be a current account. All funds must go through this, the current account. All payments made by cheque must be authorised by two of the honorary officers of Warkworth Show. The funds of Warkworth Show shall be used only in furthering the objects of Warkworth Show. Warkworth Show shall keep accounts and the treasurer shall prepare an annual statement of accounts which will be presented at the AGM. These accounts shall be audited or independently examined. All spending will be sanctioned by the Show Committee after consideration of appropriate quotations.

L. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There shall be an annual general meeting (AGM) each year.

- (1) Every AGM will be called by the Show Committee.
- (2) The secretary shall give at least fourteen days' notice of the AGM via local advertising and other appropriate measures.
- (3) The AGM will be chaired by the President of Warkworth Show (or in his/her absence a person nominated by the Show Committee.)
- (4) Nominations for elections of honorary officers and vice-presidents will be received at the AGM.
- (5) Elections of honorary officers and vice-presidents will be by a majority of hands.

M. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The constitution may only be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present at an AGM. There must be at least 16 members present at an AGM before changes can be made to the constitution. Proposed alterations must be notified to members via local advertising at least fourteen days, prior to an AGM.

N. DISSOLUTION.

If the show committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve Warkworth Show it shall call a meeting of the members of Warkworth Show, of which not less than sixty days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution) shall be given via local advertising. If the proposal is agreed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Show Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of Warkworth Show. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other local institution(s) having objects similar to the objects of Warkworth Show as the members of Warkworth Show shall determine or failing that shall be applied to some other local charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement, for the final accounting period of Warkworth Show must be sent to Warkworth Parish Council.