

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
STAMFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

- 1) The Society shall be known as Stamford Horticultural Society.
- 2) a) Membership shall be unlimited and open to all, the Society being non-political and non-denominational.  
b) The Committee shall however have full power to accept or reject any person as a member of the Society.
- 3) a) Membership shall be by annual subscription to run from November to October, payable to the Membership Secretary as the representative of the Society  
b) Entry to Membership classes at the Summer Show will only be open to members joining before March.
- 4) Changes in subscription shall be made by a majority decision of members at a General Meeting. Written notification of such proposed changes shall be given in writing at least seven days prior to that Meeting.
- 5) a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members shall be held in the month of November each year. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request of a majority of the Committee or 15% of Members.  
b) 14 days notice of an AGM or EGM will be given.
- 6) At the AGM shall be elected the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Show Secretary.
- 7) a) The full accounts shall be presented for audit to an independent examiner prior to the AGM.  
b) The Treasurer (in person, electronically or by a written report) shall inform the Committee of the main points in the accounts prior to the AGM.  
c) Abridged accounts shall be circulated to those attending the AGM and the Treasurer will be present to present the accounts for adoption by the Members.  
d) The full accounts shall be publicly displayed at the AGM.
- 8) The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary and up to 7 more elected members .
- 9) Committee Members shall be nominated, seconded and elected by Members at the AGM. No-one shall be nominated without their approval. A written ballot shall be held if there are more nominees than places on the Committee. It is permissible for the Committee to be re-elected en bloc.
- 10) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further member(s) onto the Committee, up to the maximum number, should it be deemed desirable.
- 11) Other positions within the Society (such as Membership Secretary, Catering Manager, Publicity Manager, Visits Organiser) may be, but shall not be required to be, held by members of the Committee. The holders of such positions who are not Committee members may on occasion be requested to attend a Committee Meeting.
- 12) Committee Meetings shall be called by the Chairman and held a minimum of 6 times a year. Committee members shall be expected to attend the majority of meetings.
- 13) The role of the Committee shall be to form policy, manage the finances, facilitate communications and arrange meetings.
- 14) Life membership may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.
- 15) a) The bankers of the Society shall be Lloyds Bank or any other bank agreed by the Committee.

b) All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and either the Secretary or another nominated Committee Member.

- 16) Additions or amendments to this Constitution can only be made by a two thirds majority at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 17) The Show Secretary shall be responsible for organising up to 2 Shows annually and shall have the power to convene a sub-committee of up to 5 persons to assist in this task. The Show Secretary will be responsible for submitting decisions of the sub-committee to the full Committee for approval.
- 18) In the event of the Society folding, any monies held by the Society will be donated to a charity of the Committee's choice.

**This Constitution was discussed and agreed by the Committee in Sept 2013.  
It was accepted in November 2013.**

**Signed ..... J Burrows  
Chairman 2013/14**