



THE ARGUS SINGERS

CONSTITUTION

A NAME

The group's name is **The Argus Singers**

B THE PURPOSES OF THE GROUP ARE :-

- (1) to enjoy making music
- (2) to explore ways to extend our membership and repertoire, and reach new audiences
- (3) to foster public knowledge and appreciation of choral music by means of public performance.

C CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the purposes, the Committee has the power to: -

- (1) put on concerts for public entertainment
- (2) raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (3) co-operate with and support other groups with similar purposes
- (4) do anything else within the law which is necessary to achieve the purposes

D MEMBERSHIP

The Committee may admit to membership anybody aged 18 and over who supports the purposes of the Argus Singers. People who wish to become members should apply to the Committee. The Committee will keep an up to date membership list.

The Committee may terminate someone's membership, provided it is in the best interest of the Argus Singers to do so. The member has the right to appeal.

E ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- (1) The AGM must be held every year, with 14 days' notice given to all members telling them what is on the agenda.
- (2) There must be at least 30% of members present at the AGM for decisions to be made.
- (3) The Committee shall present the annual report, as well as the accounts for the year, which will have been previously independently examined.
- (4) Any member is eligible for election to the Committee.
- (5) Every member has one vote.
- (6) Members shall elect 7 members to the Committee:
Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Librarian, and two other members. They will retire at the next AGM, but may stand for re-election.
In addition, the Musical Director and Accompanist shall be members of the Committee.

F COMMITTEE

- (1) The Committee shall hold at least 3 meetings each year.
- (2) At least one-third of Committee members must be at a committee meeting to be able to take decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- (3) The Committee must keep accounts which may be viewed by any member on request.
- (4) During the year, the Committee may appoint up to 2 extra members on to the Committee who will stand down at the next AGM but are eligible for re-election.
- (5) The Committee may make reasonable additional rules for the proper conduct and management of the Argus Singers. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law.
- (6) The Committee shall be responsible for appointing a Musical Director. Following an agreed probationary period, provided both parties are satisfied, s/he shall continue in office until the appointment is terminated or a resignation is received.
- (7) The Committee shall be responsible for appointing an Accompanist. Following an agreed probationary period, provided both parties are satisfied, s/he shall continue in office until the appointment is terminated or a resignation is received.
- (8) The choice of musical programme for each season shall be at the suggestion of the Musical Director, subject to approval by the Committee.

G MONEY

- (1) Funds must be held in the Argus Singers' bank account. All cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and one other choir member.
- (2) Funds cannot be used to pay Committee members except to refund legitimate expenses.
- (3) Funds and property must only be used for the purposes of the Argus Singers (see B above).
- (4) The financial year shall end 31st March.

H SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee for any of the reasons below. All members must be given 14 days' notice and told what change is proposed.

- (1) Changing the Constitution - the constitution may be changed by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a Special General Meeting.
- (2) Emergency Special General Meetings – to allow the members to decide on important issues.
- (3) Winding up – the Argus Singers may be wound up by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a Special General Meeting. Any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be used for charitable purposes.

J CONSITUTION ADOPTION DATE

This constitution was adopted at a General Meeting of the Argus Singers on (date) 4th May 2019