

MARKET HARBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The name of the Society shall be the MARKET HARBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art of choral music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and by such other ways and the Society through its committee may from time to time determine.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The following persons shall be admitted as members of the Society:-

1. Any person who shall have paid the Society's annual subscription for the time being or otherwise in accordance with arrangements approved by the Society or its committee.
2. Any person admitted as an Honorary Member by the Society in a general meeting
3. The President and/or Vice President for the time being of the Society

4. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

1. The Society shall elect a President at a general meeting. The President shall remain in office until retirement or removal from office by resolution of the Society at a general meeting.
2. The Society may elect a Vice President at a general meeting. The Vice President shall remain in office until retirement or removal from office by resolution of the Society at a general meeting.
3. The Vice President shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Society including meetings of its committee (s) and to preside at any such meeting.
4. Any resolution for the removal of a President or Vice President shall require a majority of two thirds of the members present and voting at the general meeting.

5. OFFICERS

The following Officers shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting:

Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Librarian

The Officers shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election

6. COMMITTEE

The Management of the Society shall be in the hands of a committee comprising:-

1. The Officers of the Society;
2. Five Members elected by and out of the Society's members (holding office for one year and being eligible for re-election);
3. The Federal Representative (if any).

The Chairman shall have the power to co-opt up to three other members of the Society - any co-option to expire at the Annual General Meeting. The Quorum for the Committee and any sub committees shall be two thirds of its membership.

7. MANAGEMENT

All arrangements for concerts and other events and the control of finance (including the level of subscriptions) shall be in the hands of the Committee, subject always to any direction of the Society passed in General Meeting.

8. FINANCE

1. The financial year shall end on 31 July.
2. A Bank Account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two officers of the Society.
3. The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees and takes for any or all of its concerts may be offered for sale to the general public.
4. The income and property of the Society, wheresoever derived, shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member(s) of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.
5. In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall not be paid either directly or indirectly to any member(s) 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.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

1. Within 12 weeks of the end of each financial year, the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days notice in writing shall have been given.
2. Any Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Honorary Secretary if so required by the Committee within twenty one days of receiving a written request signed by at least ten members.
3. The Quorum at a General meeting shall be one third of the number of the Society's members, or twenty, whichever is the less.

10. AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The Draft Financial Accounts shall be submitted to the members at an Annual General Meeting and when audited copies will be made available for all members

11. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by two thirds majority of the members present at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting provided that fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided nothing therein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.