

The Friends of Old Hall Association, Gainsborough

Registered Charity No: 229837

Founded 1949

Constitution, Objects & Rules.

FOHA

1] NAME:

The full name of the Association shall be “The Friends of Gainsborough Old Hall Association” but the same shall be known as

“The Friends of the Old Hall”

11] OBJECTS:

‘To preserve & maintain the 15c Manor House, known as the Old Hall, & to promote its use for Social, Educational & Cultural activities’ for the public benefit’.

11i In furtherance of the following Objects but not otherwise the Executive Committee may exercise the following powers:

- A] To unite all who love the Old Hall & are interested in its welfare
- B] To contribute to & assist in the preservation of the Old Hall for posterity & in particular for the inhabitants of Gainsborough & the surrounding district.
- C] To provide or improve or assist in providing or improving amenities at the Old Hall for the use of the public in general & the inhabitants of Gainsborough & district in particular.
- D] To promote, engage or assist in Social, Cultural, Educational & other events & activities for the benefit of the public & to publish literature & other promotional material in connection with such objects & activities.
- E] To contribute, at the discretion of the Committee towards the embellishment, adornment, beautifying, decorating, furnishing, equipping & promotion of the Old Hall & of its grounds.
- F] To contribute to or join with any other person, body, trust, or association, to carry out all or any of above objects.

G] In general to raise funds for carrying out all or any of the above objects.

H] All or any of such contributions are to be made or work done only with the co-operation & consent of the Owners or Lessees for the time being of the Old Hall & the grounds thereof, appertaining to clauses [C] & [E].

] The FOHA shall comply with the Charities Act 1992 [or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act] with regard to Annual Return to & its transmission to the Charity Commissioners.

111. MEMBERS & SUBSCRIPTIONS:

1. PRESIDENT – by invitation following a recommendation from a General Meeting & elected at an Annual General Meeting.
2. VICE-PRESIDENT[S] – by invitation following a recommendation from a General Meeting & elected at an Annual General Meeting.
3. LIFE MEMBERS – who shall pay a subscription determined at an Annual General Meeting.
4. HONORARY MEMBERS – elected at the discretion of the Committee.
5. ORDINARY MEMBERS – who shall pay a subscription determined at an Annual General Meeting.
6. CORPORATE MEMBERS – who shall pay a subscription determined at an Annual General Meeting.
7. FAMILY MEMBERS - who shall pay a subscription determined at an Annual General Meeting
8. JUNIOR MEMBERS – (for those under 18 years of age on Jan 1st in the subscription year) who shall pay a subscription determined at an Annual General Meeting.

Membership shall be open to anyone either by invitation or application & the first annual subscription shall be deemed to be payable forthwith. Subscription shall be due on the first day of January each year & any Member who shall be over one year in arrears, shall be deemed to have resigned.

1V. VOTING AT MEETINGS:

1. Each Member over 18 shall have one vote.
2. In the event of a vote being taken resulting in a tie the Chairman of that meeting shall have a casting vote.
3. Voting shall be by show of hands.

V. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. The general management & control of the Association & its funds shall be invested in the Committee.
2. The Committee may delegate such of its power as it may deem desirable to sub-committees with powers to act & resolve routine matters of business. Alterations to established policy shall be subject of a recommendation to the full committee.
3. Proper accounts shall be kept of the funds & property of the Association which shall be audited annually by Auditors(professional or otherwise) appointed at the Annual General Meeting & for this purpose the accounting period of the Association shall be 1st August in any year to 31st July in the ensuing year.

4. The bankers of the Association shall be appointed from time to time by the Committee & all monies received shall be paid into the Association's Bank Account. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer together with either the secretary or two members of the Committee.

V1 OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Association shall be:-

1].The President & Vice- President to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

2].The Chairman & Vice-Chairman to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

3].The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer & Honorary Solicitor to be elected annually.

V11. COMMITTEE:

The Committee of the Association shall consist of:-

1. The President & Vice-President [*non executive members*]
2. The Chairman & Vice- Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer.
3. Not more than 15 Members elected at the Annual General Meeting.
4. The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies by co-option.
5. A quorum shall consist of 6 Members.
6. ex officio representation shall be at the discretion of the Committee. The Old Hall representation to be the Principal Keeper or a designated member of the Old Hall staff under the Principal Keeper & all appointments at the discretion of the Committee.

V111FUNDS:

1].The Funds & property of the Association shall be derived from subscriptions, gifts, donations, legacies, endowments, capital investments & income there from & proceeds of efforts & shall be held in the joint names of the Trustees (i.e. The Committee]

2] All subscriptions, gifts, donations, legacies under £250 shall be regarded as income unless otherwise designated

3] All gifts, donations, legacies of £250 & over & all endowments shall be regarded as capital unless otherwise designated.

4] Income shall be applied towards the objects of the Association & Capital & Endowments invested or re-invested according to the Law relating to Trust Funds at the Committee's discretion but subject to the directions (if any) of a General Meeting provided that such directions shall be passed by a 2/3rds majority.

5] The Committee shall have the power to defray such administration expenses as it may deem expedient.

6] In the event of the Association being wound up the funds thereof so far as the same are available shall be disposed of by the Association in General Meeting towards such charitable purpose or purposes in Great Britain as the Association shall select at a General Meeting.

1X. MEETINGS:

1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held between September 1st & November 30th each year & shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary giving at least 14 days notice in writing.

2. The Annual General Meeting shall receive the report of the Committee, pass the accounts, appoint such Officers as are to be appointed, fix annual subscriptions & do such other business.

3. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Honorary Secretary at the written request of at least 10 Members, giving at least 14 days notice in writing & such notice shall set out the particular business to be transacted at such meeting.

1. The Committee *shall meet at least 4 times a year* for the transaction of business & meetings shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary giving reasonable notice in the circumstances. Non receipt of any notice by a Member shall not invalidate the proceedings of such a meeting.

2. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Association, its Committees & any sub-committee.

X1 ALTERATION IN RULES ETC.

1. Any alteration or additions to this Constitution, Objects & Rules of the Association shall only be made at either an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for such purpose, of which 14 days previous notice in writing shall be given & such notice shall in every case set out the proposed alteration or additions to be made.

2. It is expressly provided that all or any alterations, & additions to the Objects of the Association shall be charitable in nature & shall be related to the Old Hall, Gainsborough or the grounds thereof.

May FOHA 2002

Tuesday 14th June 1949 First Constitution

Tuesday 7th May 2002 Second Constitution

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