

# **Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society**

## **Constitution**

**Updated at AGM 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

1. The Society shall be called the Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society.
2. The objects shall be:
  - a. to encourage garden and allotment cultivation
  - b. to promote horticultural shows and exhibitions
  - c. to arrange horticultural lectures, discussions and visits.
3. The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall normally consist of no fewer than ten members including officers. Five Committee members including two officers shall form a quorum. The committee shall have power to co-opt pending the next AGM.
4. The Officers shall consist of the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary all of whom must be members of the Society.
5. The President retires every three years and is eligible for re-election. The other Officers referred to in No. 4 above and Members of the Committee retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting with the exception of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Membership Secretary who shall be elected by the Committee. The AGM may also elect Honorary Vice Presidents, who also retire annually but may be re-elected.
6. Only fully paid-up members may vote at any Annual General or Extraordinary General Meeting. Subscriptions as fixed at the Annual General Meeting are due on 1st January each year.
7. An Annual General Meeting, presided over by the President or in the absence of the President by the Chairman, shall be held not later than 30th April and be subject to at least one month's notice. Twenty-one members shall form a quorum for any General Meeting. Any member wishing to propose a motion to be put before the Annual General Meeting shall give seven days' notice in writing to the Secretary.
8. An extraordinary general Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee or on a requisition to the Secretary signed by ten members of the Society. At least 14 days' notice shall be given by advertisement placed on the Society's notice board outside Uplyme Post Office and by email to members.
9. No change shall be made in the Constitution of the Society except by approval of the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
10. At all meetings the Chairman of the meeting shall in addition to a personal vote, have a casting vote, where otherwise votes are level.
11. The funds of the Society shall be banked as decided by the Committee.
12. An examiner of accounts, who retires annually, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
13. A Statement of Accounts, signed and approved by the Society's examiner of accounts, shall be available to members through the Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting where it will be presented.
14. The Committee shall have the power to make and amend any Show rules.
15. The Committee is authorised to make donations to non-horticultural causes it deems suitable, up to a maximum of £500 in total in any calendar year. Any such donations shall be reported to the AGM and approved at that meeting by a simple majority of the membership.