

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND RULES - REVISED APRIL 2023

1. Title

The society shall be called "The Nottinghamshire Footpaths Preservation Society".

2. Aims

The aims of the Society shall be:-

- (a) The preservation or the restoration of the public rights of way over footpaths, other highways and open spaces of land within the County of Nottinghamshire.
- (b) To co-operate with other bodies having aims sympathetic to those of the Society.

3. Affiliations

The Society will be affiliated to the Open Spaces Society and the Ramblers.

4. Membership

Membership shall be of the following categories:-

- (a) Single Membership - open to all individuals.
- (b) Joint Membership - open to two individuals living at the same address.
- (c) Life Membership - open to all individuals.
- (d) Joint Life Membership - open to two individuals living at the same address.
- (e) Affiliated Membership - open to all Parish and District Councils and to other organisations interested in the preservation of footpaths.

5. Subscriptions

Any changes to the subscription payable by each category of member shall be agreed by a majority vote at the AGM.

6. Officers & Management

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The general management of the Society shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Walks Secretary, Rights of Way Secretary and any other members, as required.

No person shall be eligible to serve on the Committee unless they are a fully paid-up member of this Society. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies arising during its term of office and to determine all matters not expressly provided for by these Rules.

Three Committee members shall form a quorum.

7. Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31st May in each year. Its main purpose will be for the Committee to present any relevant reports and a statement of accounts, to elect officers to the Committee, to appoint an Independent Examiner of the accounts for the following year and conduct any necessary general business.

All members and a delegate from each affiliated organisation shall be entitled to attend with the power to vote.

The Committee may at any time and shall upon a requisition signed by no less than twelve members, call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Seven days' notice of all meetings shall be given in writing.

8. Finance

The Financial year of the Society shall end on 31st December. All monies received by the Society shall be paid to the Treasurer who shall report the financial position to the Committee from time to time and shall submit an independently examined account for the year to the Annual General Meeting. Any monies not required for immediate use shall, with the discretion of the Committee, be invested in the name of the Society.

9. Dissolution

A motion to dissolve the Society may be made only at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be called for that purpose and notice of same must be given to all members in writing. The motion shall be effective only with a two-thirds majority of those paid-up members present at the meeting. All the assets of the Society shall then be donated to the Open Spaces Society (or similar body).

10. Exclusion

Members who do not keep their dogs under control when walking with the Society, or do not respect the Countryside Code after being reminded by a Committee Member, shall be asked to leave the Society.

Members who have not renewed subscriptions one month after a reminder, shall be deemed to have left the Society.

11. Alterations

No alteration to these rules and no new rule may be made except by resolution passed by two-thirds of the paid-up members present at an Annual General Meeting.