

# BROUGHTON CHORAL SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Amended EGM 27/09/01

## 1. Name

The society shall be known as The Broughton Choral Society (the Society) and its address shall be that of the Honorary Secretary for the time being. The junior members shall also be known as the Broughton Children's Choir.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose and objects of the Society shall be to advance the education of the public in the art, study and practice of choral singing in order to foster knowledge, understanding and appreciation of such music by means of public choral concerts and recitals.

## 3. Scope

The Society shall be open a) to all eligible singers living within the area defined by a ten-mile radius around Broughton, Peeblesshire and b), at the Committee's discretion, to others living outwith the defined area.

## 4. Membership

Membership shall be open to any person aged 7 years or over who, within the terms of the Society's Constitution, wishes to participate in choral singing and is prepared a) to abide by such Rules as may from time to time be approved by the membership; b) to make regular attendance at practices. Junior members (7-12) shall meet separately as the Broughton Children's Choir.

## 5. Subscriptions

Each member shall pay an annual subscription in two equal instalments at whatever level shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.

## 6. Management

The Society shall be managed by a Committee of not less than four nor more than eight members and the Conductor; the Conductor, whose position on the Committee shall be ex officio, shall have no voting entitlement (not being a member of the Society); should the number at any time be less than eight then the Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members. The Committee shall normally be composed of a Chairman and the following honorary officers - Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and up to four committee members. Each shall serve a term of one year and thereafter be eligible for re-election. One member of the committee shall be responsible for the children's choir.

## 7. Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Committee may exercise the following powers:

- i) To raise funds by such means as are consistent with any relevant requirements of the law relating to charities;
- ii) To obtain the services of suitably qualified individuals to conduct, accompany or musically direct the activities of the Society in pursuit of the objects, upon such terms as the Committee may deem appropriate.
- iii) To co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the same or similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them.

iv) To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

#### 8. General Meetings of Members

i). An annual general meeting (AGM), of which fourteen days notice shall be given, shall be held not later than the end of March each year and presided over by the retiring Committee Chairman for the purposes of :

1. receiving reports;
2. approving a statement of account;
3. electing Officers and Committee Members;
4. appointing Auditor(s);
5. dealing with any other business.

ii). An extraordinary general meeting (EGM), of which not less than fourteen days notice must be given, may be called by the Committee or by not less than one third of the membership for any stated purpose.

#### 9. Voting

All members over the age of 16 years shall be eligible to vote at such meetings, either in person or, if unable to attend, by proxy through the Chairman, and in the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

#### 10. Finance

- i) The financial year shall end on 31st December;
- ii) All funds raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied in furtherance of its purpose.
- iii) The preceding provision shall not, however, prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Society; or of fees to professional or technical advisers; or repayment to members of the Management Committee of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

#### 11. Alterations to Constitution

This Constitution may only be altered by an Annual General Meeting, or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose, subject as follows:

- i) notice of such meeting, setting out the terms of a proposed alteration, must be given to members not less than 14 days prior to the date of such meeting;
- ii) a resolution to alter the Constitution shall be valid only if two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour thereof.

#### 12. Dissolution

If the Management Committee decide at any time, by a simple majority, that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to wind-up the Society, it shall call an EGM, of which not less than 14 days notice shall be given stating the terms of the proposed resolution for dissolution. If such resolution is carried by a two-thirds majority of those entitled to vote, the Society shall be wound-up. In the event of the Society being wound up, any assets remaining upon dissolution after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution(s) having similar objects to those of the Society as the Management Committee may decide.