

WICKHAM SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Society shall be THE WICKHAM SOCIETY hereafter referred to as “the Society”.



2. Aims and Objectives

The Society aims to:

1. Support the social, cultural, environmental and civic wellbeing of the local community.
2. Represent membership views to local authorities and other relevant bodies.
3. Support the protection and enhancement of the character, heritage and amenities of the local area.
4. Support and encourage cooperation, inclusivity and community engagement in local civic affairs.
5. Co-operate with local authorities and other organisations and persons that have similar aims to those of the Society.
6. Hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions in and for the local community.

3. Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all individuals who support the aims of the Society.
2. Membership shall not be denied on grounds of race, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation, age or political belief.
3. Members shall have the right to attend meetings, vote, and stand for office, subject to this constitution.
4. Membership may be terminated by resignation, lapse of subscription of more than 3 months or by a resolution of the Committee for conduct contrary to the aims of the Society, subject to the right of appeal at a General Meeting.
5. No Member shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Society if their subscription is in arrears at the time.
6. The membership year will run from January to December.

4. Communication and Personal Information

1. Communications with Members (outside of meetings) will be predominantly by electronic means e.g. email. Every effort will be made to communicate with those Members who rely on postal messages.
2. Personal data provided to the Society by Members shall be treated as confidential. It shall not be shared between Members or with any third party or organisation without the express consent of the Member concerned.

5. Governance and Committee

1. The Society shall be governed by a Committee elected by the Members.
2. The Committee shall include at a minimum of:
 - o Chairman
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer
3. Additional officers or committee members may be co-opted by the Committee as required.
4. The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Society in accordance with this constitution.
5. Committee Members shall serve for a term of one year and will be eligible for re-election at the AGM of the Society.
6. The Committee will determine the membership fee payable from January each year, and the occasional visitor fee, based on their assessment of the funds needed to maintain the activities of the Society on an annual basis. Any proposed increase in fees shall be presented for ratification by those Members present at an AGM of the Society.
7. If a Member of the Committee has a financial or professional interest in any item being covered at a committee meeting, they must declare this and may not discuss that item except by invitation of the Chairman, nor may they vote on that item.
8. The Society shall be conducted in a manner that is independent of political allegiances.

6. Meetings

The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM shall:

- o Receive reports from officers
 - o Approve accounts
 - o Elect committee members
 - o Consider motions, constitutional amendments, and proposed changes to membership and visitor fees.
2. Nominees for election must give their prior consent and be proposed and seconded.
 3. Exceptional General Meetings of the Society may be called by the Committee or by the written request of 15 or more Members whose subscriptions are fully paid up.
 4. Quorum for General Meetings shall be a minimum of 10% of members, personally present and entitled to vote.
 5. The Committee shall give at least 14 days' notice to Members of all General and Exceptional meetings of the Society.

7. Decision-Making

1. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of members present and voting, unless otherwise specified.
2. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

8. Finance

1. The Society may raise funds through membership fees, donations, grants, and events.
2. All funds shall be used solely to support and further the aims of the Society.
3. The Treasurer shall keep proper financial records. The Annual Accounts of the Society shall be inspected by a third party to be certified as being complete and accurate. The person carrying out the inspection shall be nominated by the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee.
4. A bank account shall be held in the name of the Society, with at least two authorised signatories.

9. Amendments to the Constitution

1. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at a General Meeting.
2. Members must be given at least 14 days' notice of proposed amendments.

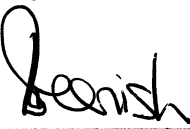
10. Dissolution

1. The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of voting members present at a General Meeting.
2. Any remaining assets shall be transferred to a local non-profit or community organisation with similar aims nominated by the Committee and ratified by a majority of those present.

11. Adoption

This constitution was adopted by the Members of the Wickham Society on 11th April 2026

Signed by:

Chair: 

Treasurer: 