

HURST HORTICULTURAL & COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. Objectives: The objective of the society shall be to promote good horticulture and home industry practices primarily through the organisation and staging of a horticultural and home industries show which takes place each summer in the village of Hurst.

2. Membership: Membership of the society is open to anyone in the area who is interested in entering, supporting or assisting the Society in its stated objectives.

3. Management of the Society: The affairs of the society shall be conducted by a committee comprising: a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Horticultural Secretary, Home Industries Secretary, Field Manager and Show Entry & Results Co-ordinator.

4. Voting: Committee members are appointed by a vote at the AGM. Existing members must seek re-election each year. Unexpected vacancies can be filled at the discretion of the committee until the next AGM.

5. Honorary President: The committee may appoint individuals to the honorary position of President.

6. Annual General Meeting: The AGM of the society shall be held within two months of the financial year end for the purposes of: Presenting the Chairman's report, receiving and approving the accounts, electing committee members and considering any motion which has been notified to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM and which has been circulated to all members.

7. Quorum: No matters of policy shall be agreed at an AGM or EGM or at a committee meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum of an AGM or EGM shall be eight members and of a committee meeting, five members. In the case of equal voting the Chair shall have the casting vote.

8. Other General Meetings or EGM's: These shall be held at such times as the committee may decide depending on the needs of the society and will be open to all. As a minimum, these will generally be in the spring for show-planning and within four weeks after the show for wash-up purposes.

9. Finance: The society shall hold bank accounts as the committee determines. All money collected and accounts received by the society shall be passed to the Treasurer for attention. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and by one other member of the committee authorised for that purpose. Proper accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer.

10. Amendments to the Constitution: These can only be affected by a two-thirds majority at an AGM or EGM and then only if notice of the proposed amendment has been notified to all members no less than 14 days before the meeting.

11. Winding-up the Society: A decision to wind-up the society shall only be taken at an AGM or EGM where the proposal has been clearly announced in advance. There must be a two-thirds majority of those attending the meeting. In the event that the decision to wind-up the society is agreed, the

meeting shall appoint a committee of no less than three individuals to oversee the disposal of the society's assets which should go to the RHS or other local societies with similar aims.

12. Other Matters: Any matters not covered by these rules will be dealt with at the discretion of the committee.

April 30th 2015.