
THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY, BURNLEY

The name of the charitable association shall be "The Towneley Hall Society" (hereafter known as the 'Society')

1. The **objects of the Society** shall be: -

To stimulate public interest in Towneley Hall:

To establish a circle of friends of Towneley Hall to extend the scope of its activities by subscriptions, sales, gifts, bequests or donations.

To enjoy the amenities of The Hall and its associated activities and to arrange lectures, meetings and excursions to other places of interest.

To encourage and promote appreciation of the fine arts, creative crafts and our heritage.

2. **Subscriptions**

There shall be four classes of annual subscription:

- a) Individual
- b) Honorary
- c) Lifetime
- d) Corporate

Honorary and Lifetime Members shall pay no subscriptions.

All subscriptions shall be payable at the April meeting.

Members whose subscriptions are not paid by the start of the AGM shall forfeit their right to vote.

3. The **annual general meeting** of members shall be held in May each year and shall elect a Committee of minimum 10 persons to direct the Society's affairs. This Committee shall have power to co-opt.

4. The **Committee** shall at its first meeting subsequent to the annual general meeting of members, elect a Chairperson, Secretaries, Treasurer, and other members who, together with Towneley Hall Manager shall form a Committee to co-ordinate the activities of the Society.

The Committee will have the power to appoint one or more sub-committees consisting of 3 or more members if this is considered necessary to further the objects of the Society.

The Committee may appoint a Patron and a President. These positions will be for life and will not be re-elected annually unless the appointed person wishes to resign.

The Committee shall conduct the general management and direction of the funds and affairs of the Society, and in particular may:

- (a) Subscribe to another organisation or body, and nominate any member of the Society to serve as its representative on that organisation or body;
 - (b) Pay the whole part or part of reasonable and proper expenses of any Member Committee incurred during the execution of any function or duty on behalf of the Society;
 - (c) Fill casual vacancies in its membership by co-options, provide that co-opted members shall not exceed the elected members. Any person so co-opted shall retire at the next AGM but shall be eligible for election.
 - (d) The Committee may meet as often as necessary.
 - (e) The Committee may suspend any Member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Committee.
5. All **funds and assets** in the possession of the Society shall be held, paid out and applied as the Committee may direct in furtherance of the objectives of the Society. Pending such direction, all funds shall be held in a separate bank account or accounts in the name of the Society with such bankers as the Committee may from time to time direct.
- All cheques drawn on such bankers shall be signed by any two of the President, Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer. All documents requiring endorsement shall be sufficiently endorsed if signed by any one of them.
- The Committee shall have the power to invest such funds as are not required to be immediately available for meeting the Society's liabilities. Such investments may be on deposit with a bank or building society or in such other investments authorised by law for charities.
- An independent person who need not be a member of the Society, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to scrutinise the annual accounts.
6. On the **dissolution** of Towneley Hall Society, the Committee shall pay the surplus of funds of the Society to such other charitable institution or institutions as the Committee shall, with the approval of the Charity Commission for England and Wales determine. The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those members present and voting at a Special General Meeting held in accordance with the above provisions of this constitution.
7. **Alterations and additions** to these rules shall be made only at the annual general meeting, in consultation with Members.