

WARDLE SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

- 1 NAME The name of the Society shall be Wardle Society.
- 2 PURPOSES The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising all the former Wardle Urban District to the north of Halifax Road. Which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit".
- (i) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
 - (ii) To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.
 - (iii) To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the said purposes but not otherwise the Society through its Committee shall have the following powers:
- (1) To promote civic pride in the area of benefit.
 - (2) To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of the Society and to report back to the Society.
 - (3) To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with the local authority , planning committees and all other statutory authorities, voluntary organizations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
 - (4) To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit.
 - (5) To hold meetings, talks and exhibitions.
 - (6) To educate public opinion via such methods as the website.
 - (7) To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purpose.
 - (8) Subject to such consents as may be required by law, to sell, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
 - (9) To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.

- 3 MEMBERSHIP Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society. No member shall have power to vote at any meeting of the Society if his or her subscription is in arrears at the time. Junior members shall be those aged less than 18 years at the time their subscription is due; and they shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society. The subscription of a member joining the Society in the three months preceding 31st July in any year shall be regarded as covering membership for the Society's year commencing on 1st August following the date of joining the Society
- 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS The subscription shall be:-
Full members per annum £5.00
O.A.P./Junior members per annum £3.00
Or such other reasonable sum as the Committee shall determine from time to time, and it shall be due on 1st August each year.
Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid three months after it is due.
- 5 MEETINGS An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about the month of July of each year to receive the Committee's report and accounts and to elect Officers and members of the Committee. The Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held.
The Committee shall give at least 7 days notice to members of all Meetings of the Society.
- 6 OFFICERS The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members. Nominees for election as Officers or Committee members shall declare at the Annual general Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to the Society.
The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual general Meeting.
- 7 THE COMMITTEE The Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Society. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and other attending members. If the event of an equality in the votes cast, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

- 8 DECLARATION OF INTEREST It shall be the duty of every member who is in any way directly or indirectly interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any meeting of the Society at which he or she may be present to declare such interest and he or she shall not discuss such item (except by invitation of the Chairman) or vote thereon.
- 9 EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS The Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. After the payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve of such sums as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Committee in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.
- 10 INVESTMENT All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested at the discretion of the Committee.
- 11 AMENDMENTS This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting.
- 12 WINDING UP The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the Meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as shall be chosen by the Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. On dissolution all records of the Society shall be deposited with Wardle Historical Society or other local body.