

FRIENDS OF ASHWELL VILLAGE MUSEUM: REVISED CONSTITUTION April 1999

1. **NAME** The name of the Association shall be 'The Friends of the Ashwell Village Museum'.
2. **AIMS AND OBJECTS**
 - a. To support and assist the Trustees of the Ashwell Village Museum.
 - b. To make the Museum more widely known, and to foster interest in it.
 - c. To assist in the maintenance of the Museum building, and to care for and enhance the collection.
 - d. To raise funds for the fulfilment of the foregoing objectives.
 - e. To provide voluntary staff for the organisation and supervision of the Museum.
3. **MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS** Membership is open to any person or organisation upon payment of the appropriate subscription. Subscriptions will be payable at the commencement of the financial year, which shall be 1 January. Friends joining after the first day of October in any year will not be required to pay a subscription for the current year. The Committee shall have power to vary the subscriptions.
4. **COMMITTEE** Management shall be vested in a Committee comprising: Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and a minimum of five other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting; and the Hon. Curator. The Committee shall have power to co-opt members at their discretion. Four of the Committee shall form a quorum.
5. **TREASURER** The Treasurer shall keep a register of the names and addresses of all members, and maintain proper records of receipts and disbursements.
6. **BANK ACCOUNTS** The Treasurer shall be authorised to hold banking accounts in the name of the Association, and all monies shall be paid into these accounts.
7. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Twenty-one days' notice shall be given of the date and time of the A.G.M., which shall be held in March, April or May.
8. **AUDIT** The Treasurer will arrange for the annual auditing or independent examination of the statements of account of the Association.
9. **DISPOSAL OF FUNDS** Membership or affiliation will not entitle any person, Society or Group to any share in the income or assets of the Association, and the whole of the income of the Association shall be expended on the objectives set out in Article 2 of the Constitution. If the Association is wound up, any funds remaining after all the liabilities have been met shall be disposed of in such a manner as the Committee or, in the event of their inability to do so, the Trustees of the Ashwell Village Museum shall direct.
10. **AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION** No motion for altering this Constitution shall be valid unless notice in writing, specifying the alteration proposed, be deposited with the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the date of the A.G.M., or fourteen days prior to the date of a meeting specially convened for the purpose of altering the Constitution.