



Abingdon Artists Constitution

The name of the Society shall be **ABINGDON ARTISTS**.

The aim of the Society shall be to bring art into the community of Abingdon, by encouraging work of various art media by its members and others, in holding exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops, and in providing opportunities for people to meet and discuss their artistic interests.

1. Officers

The Officers of the Society shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.

2. The Committee

The management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee, which shall consist of the Hon. Officers and not more than eight members elected from the general body of members. All Committee Members and Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members if this is at any time desirable.

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of not less than five members.

At all meetings the Chairman shall have a casting vote, which he/she may use in case of equality of votes.

Six clear days' notice must be given of Committee meetings and fourteen days' notice of General Meetings shall be given by circular specifying their object.

3. Finance.

The financial year shall run from 1 January to 31 December of each year.

The Society's funds shall be from:

Membership fees,

Exhibition fees,

Commissions on sales

Donations.

All monies shall be sent to the Hon. Treasurer who shall keep proper accounts. He/she shall prepare balance sheets annually, which shall be audited and submitted to the committee before being presented at the Annual General Meeting for approval.

The annual subscription for members shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due at the Annual General Meeting for that year.

The bankers of the society shall be a legal banking institution, which is a member of the FSA.

The Hon. Treasurer shall submit the accounts for the preceding year at the Annual General Meeting.

4. **The activities of the Society shall include: –**
Quarterly newsletters,
Monthly meetings for all members,
Exhibitions of members' work
Other activities organised by the Committee.
5. **Annual General Meeting**
The Annual General Meeting shall take place in the first quarter of the year. Notice of this will be given at least fourteen days before the meeting. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.
6. **A Special General Meeting** may be called by the committee or held at the request of twenty members. At least seven days' notice of this must be sent to all members.
7. **Exhibitions** shall be governed by the rules set out in the application for membership form and must be accepted by members on joining the Society.
8. **The Constitution** of the Society may not be amended except by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.