

RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. NAME

The Society shall be called 'Highcliffe Horticultural Society.'

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be the promotion and advancement of the science and practice of horticulture and to promote shows.

3. OFFICERS

The Management Committee of the Society shall consist of up to ten members to include the positions of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary, Membership Secretary and other committee positions. No person shall hold more than three positions.

4. DUTIES

The authorised signatories of the Society shall be the Chair, the Treasurer and two other officers, whereby any two shall jointly sign all cheques or authorise payments online. All monies received on the Society's behalf shall be paid by an authorised signatory into a properly constituted Bank or Building Society account in the name of the Society.

5. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Society shall be vested in the Committee, which shall conduct the business of the Society. The Committee shall have no power to alter the rules of the Society but may make recommendations at the Annual General Meeting.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription of the Society shall be payable in advance and preferably by annual Standing Order with effect from 1st January. The annual subscription will include entry to the monthly meetings and shows.

7. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Society's financial year shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

8. ENTRANCE FEES

An entrance fee per person shall be paid by non-members attending the Society's monthly meetings. An entrance fee per person shall be paid by non-members attending the Spring and Autumn Shows. All entrance fees shall be decided by the Management Committee.

9. ANNUAL PROGRAMME

An Annual Programme will be provided on the payment of the annual subscription. The Programme shall include the rules governing all shows and may include schedules and entry forms.

10. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The Committee may elect anyone who has rendered outstanding service to be an Honorary Life Member.

11. DATES AND TIME OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the dates given in the Annual Programme. Meetings start at 7.30pm. NB Doors open at 7.00pm.

12. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society shall not be dissolved as long as there are sufficient members to furnish the officers of the Society. In the event of such a step being necessary, the funds remaining under the charge of the Treasurer shall be paid into the bank and placed on deposit. If a committee is not formed within 12 months, the Society's assets shall be donated to a charity chosen by the remaining members.

13. POWER TO CO-OPT

The Committee may, should the need arise, co-opt members to the Committee without reference to the membership.

14. ALTERATION TO THE RULES

Any alteration to these Rules must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 28 days prior to the date of the AGM.