

**THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES
OF
TRAFFORD WALKERS**

1. Name

The Club shall be known as “Trafford Walkers” Hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

2. Address

The Honorary Secretary’s postal address.

3. Centre

Trafford, Greater Manchester.

4 Objectives of the Club

To foster the activities of rambling, hill and mountain walking, by active participation.

To act on behalf of and in the interest of Club Members.

To promote an awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the countryside environment.

5. Status

The Club is a non-profit making organisation.

6. Management of the Club

The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, Hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”.

7. Officers of the Club

The elected Officers of the Club shall be:

Honorary Chairperson

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Membership Secretary

Honorary Walks Co-ordinator

The Members of the Club undertake to indemnify the Officers and any Member acting with the authority of the Committee, for expenses, costs, claims and debts which they properly incur in the performance of their duties. Any such expenses, costs, claims and debts shall be paid solely out of the assets of the Club.

8. Committee

The Committee shall comprise all the Officers together with up to four elected Members.

A quorum shall consist of 50 per cent of the Members of the Committee.

All decisions shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority vote.

In the case of a tied vote, the Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote, which he/she may exercise at his/her discretion.

The Honorary Chairperson of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee and the Club. In the event of his/her absence, the Committee shall appoint their own chair for the meeting.

The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for convening Committee Meetings, and for the distribution of minutes from those meetings. He/She shall

also be responsible for convening the Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings which may be required from time to time.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club and to report on a regular and frequent basis to the Committee. He/she will also prepare the Annual Accounts for Examination.

The Honorary Membership Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence and applications relating to Membership of the Club.

The Honorary Walks Co-ordinator shall be responsible for co-ordinating the walks programme. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to fill casual vacancies.

9. Election of the Committee

All Members of the Committee shall retire annually and the new Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The retiring Officers and Elected members shall be eligible for re-election to their respective Offices or election to other offices.

10. Membership

Membership shall be open to males and females aged 18 and over provided they recognise that their participation in the Club's rambling, hill and mountain walking activities involve a risk of danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

11. Discipline

A Member of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate, or who fails to abide by any of the Rules, may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed by the Club committee. The Secretary shall call his/her attention to such conduct by letter, and give him/her an opportunity to provide an explanation in writing or in person before the Committee or both. If attending in person, he/she may, if they wish, to be accompanied by another member to assist in presenting the defence. The Committee shall have the power to take any disciplinary action which they consider appropriate including expulsion from the Club. No motion shall be moved unless there is a Quorum present and competent to vote. A Member, who is expelled by the Committee, shall forfeit to the Club any subscription, which he/she may have paid.

12. Club Subscriptions

The annual subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

The annual subscription period shall run from the 1st January. Members shall pay their annual subscriptions to the Honorary Membership Secretary on or before 1st January.

New Members joining the Club after June will be charged a discounted rate for the remainder of the year, at the Committee's discretion. Every Member whose subscription is three months in arrears shall cease automatically to be a Member of the Club but may be reinstated at the Committee's discretion on payment of the arrears.

13. The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November.

The business at the Meeting shall be to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and those of any Extraordinary General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Honorary Secretary.

Receive the annual accounts and report from the Honorary Treasurer.

Elect the officers and ordinary members of the Committee for the year.

Review Club subscription rates and agree them for the forthcoming subscription year.
Transact any other competent business including motions to amend the Constitution.

The Agenda for the Meeting including Officers' reports, a copy of the Accounts and any duly proposed and seconded items, shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to every Member at least 14 days before each Annual General Meeting.

Items for the Agenda and motions, duly proposed and seconded, must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not later than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.

No motions other than that on the Agenda shall be introduced at an Annual General Meeting.

A quorum for the Meeting will consist of one fifth of the total Membership of the Club resident in Great Britain at the time of the Meeting.

A motion to amend the Constitution must be passed by two-thirds of those Members present and voting. All others may be passed by a majority of votes of the Members present and voting.

The AGM shall appoint two independent Examiners to examine and report on the Annual Accounts. The Examiners must be independent of the Committee.

Two members shall be elected annually to this office. The financial year will end on the 30th September.

14. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time and shall be called by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days of the receipt of a requisition in writing to that effect signed by at least 10 members of the Club. At least 7 days notice shall be given of every such meeting. The meeting shall be competent to deal with only that business for which it has been called. Such business must be specified on every requisition and notice. The procedure otherwise is the same as for Annual General Meetings.

15. Rules of the Club

The Committee shall have the power to set Club Rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's constitution.

16. Dissolution

If at any General Meeting of the Club a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Honorary Secretary shall immediately convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club to discuss and vote on the resolution.

At the Extraordinary General meeting the resolution to dissolve the Club must be passed by a majority of at least three quarters of the Members present and voting thereon. If the resolution to dissolve the Club is confirmed at the Extraordinary General Meeting the Club shall be deemed to have been dissolved as from the conclusion of that meeting.

The Committee then in office shall remain in being for the purpose of winding up the Club's affairs and after discharging all the Club's debts and liabilities shall donate the remaining assets to a registered charity or charities with similar aims and objectives as may be decided.

Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all the members.

The Committee shall be deemed to retain as long as may be necessary all the powers vested in it by the Club's Constitution for the purpose of winding up the Club's affairs notwithstanding the dissolution of the Club.