

Alnwick & District Natural History Society Constitution

1. Name: The name of the society shall be the “Alnwick and District Natural History Society”.
2. Aims: The aims of the society shall be:
 - a) the encouragement of the study of natural history;
 - b) the keeping of natural history records;
 - c) to encourage the conservation of the local flora and fauna
3. Membership: Membership shall be open to all interested persons, who shall pay an annual subscription; plus honorary members appointed by the society at a General Meeting.
4. Subscription: The subscription shall be determined annually at the AGM and shall be payable at the first meeting of the winter session.
5. Meetings:
 - a) The AGM shall be held before 31st March each year when the membership shall elect a committee; a report of the financial proceedings shall be presented; and other relevant business shall be transacted.
 - b) A Special General Meeting may be called by the committee, or by any 7 members on receipt of a written request to the Secretary stating the object of such a meeting at a date more than 21 days before the meeting. Members must be given due notice of such a meeting. No business other than that for which it was called shall be considered.
 - c) The quorum at an AGM/SGM shall be 10 members.
 - d) No alterations shall be made to the constitution of the society except at the AGM; or SGM convened for this purpose.
6. Management:
 - a) The committee shall appoint a President, who shall preside at the AGM; a Records Officer; and a Correspondent.
 - b) The management of the society shall be vested in a committee as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chair, Minutes Secretary, Programme Secretary, Treasurer and up to six other Ordinary Members.
 - c) Members of the committee shall be elected for one year at the AGM and shall be eligible for re-election.
 - d) Between AGMs the committee shall have the power of co-option to any vacancy.
 - e) An auditor shall be appointed at each AGM.
7. The society shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by any member or visitor in the course of the society’s activities.
8. Dissolution: In the event of the society being disbanded, any assets remaining shall be disposed of by the committee.