



HARTINGTON COMMUNITY GROUP CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The name of the Group shall be the Hartington Community Group (hereinafter called 'the Group'). The boundary of such will be Hartington Town Quarter.

2 AIMS/OBJECTS

- i. To improve communication between all the social, activity and business interests in the village of Hartington
- ii. To ensure that all events/activities are effectively publicised to the whole community via the various village communication channels
- iii. To support the co-ordination and implementation of the schedule of regular annual village activities
- iv. To promote sustainable development of activities and interests, in order to enhance the quality of life for Hartington residents and the experiences of visitors to the village
- v. To provide support and resources for all group members including, but not limited, to information and advice on matters including insurance, funding, marketing & communications

3. MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to ensuring improved communication, co-ordination, and implementation of the activities of all our members, as well as the promotion of sustainable development.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The Group exists to be fully representative and inclusive of the community it supports, therefore membership is open to all the social, activity and business interests as well as individuals.

Where votes are required, as a non-profit, non-commercial group, those eligible to vote are social, activity and individual members, not those representing businesses.

Each eligible member will have one vote and will be eligible to stand for election onto the committee.

A member is defined as being recorded as such on the HCG membership list, which is maintained by the HCG secretary.



5 MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members of the Group will be held in February of each year for the purposes of:

- i. receiving a report of activity of the Group
- ii. considering the examined accounts
- iii. electing officers of the Group (Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Secretary known as the Committee)
- iv. electing an examiner of the accounts

All members of the Group shall be eligible to attend Committee meetings

Minutes of meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary.

Twenty-one days' notice should be given for an AGM or EGM

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSITUTION

If amendment(s) to the constitution are necessary, members will be informed in writing and given the opportunity to consider and vote on the amendments.

Any vote would take place either at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) if required.

The amendment(s) will be made if there is a two-thirds majority vote of members.

7 FINANCES

Any money raised shall be used to further the aims of the group and for no other purpose

A bank account will be opened in the name of the Group, with only members of the Committee eligible to manage that account.

The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the finances of the Group.

The Group's financial year shall be 1st January to 31st December.

At the end of the year the accounts shall be examined by a suitable qualified person.

No payment shall be made to any officer or member of the Group other than the repayment of legitimate out of pocket expenses supported by appropriate receipts.

All cheques issued by the Group shall be signed by two members of the committee who have been registered with the bank as signatories.



Any cash transactions paid into or out of the Group must be accompanied by a receipt and will be reviewed by two members of the Committee.

8 DISSOLUTION

The Group may be dissolved if it decides, for financial or other reasons, that this is the appropriate course of action. In such circumstances, an EGM should be called giving 21 days notice to every member of the Group, stating the terms of any resolution to be proposed at the said meeting. If it is decided by a simple majority of those present and voting at the EGM that the Group shall be dissolved, the Committee shall wind up the Group's affairs. In the event of winding up, any assets remaining, after all debts have been paid, shall be equally donated to all the not-for-profit groups in Hartington.

This Constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Group on 6th February 2023 and is revised as required, this revision dated 5th February 2026.