



# **WOOLER & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB**

**Club Meeting Place: The Glendale Hall, Cheviot Street,  
WOOLER, Northumberland, NE71 6LN**

This is the constitution of the Club as drawn up by the committee and endorsed by the General Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## **NAME:**

The name of the club shall be “**The Wooler & District Camera Club**” hereinafter referred to as the “**Club**”

## **OBJECTIVES:**

1. To arrange meetings of interest & instruction to the members.
2. To promote awareness and appreciation of photographic skills
3. To foster a convivial “atmosphere”
4. To encourage participation in external photographic events.”
5. To obtain discounted terms for members.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership is open to anyone interested in photography, either still or movie, upon payment of the annual membership subscription.

## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION:**

Will be determined by the committee and payable at the commencement of the season.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):**

The AGM will be held close to the end of the season. Thirty percent of the membership, (rounded down to the nearest whole number), will constitute a quorum.

## **COMMITTEE:**

The committee shall consist of a Chair; Vice Chair; Secretary/Secretariat; Treasurer; and up to six ordinary members, including a competition secretary.

The committee may co-opt any member, up to a committee total of twelve, who may be of assistance to the Club. All elected members will have one vote. The Chair or Acting Chair will only have a casting vote where necessary. The committee will be elected annually by simple majority vote at the AGM, having been proposed and seconded. Committee members, who fail to regularly attend meetings, or to convey in advance, their apology for absence, will be deemed to have resigned from the committee. The committee will meet every other month from September to April with an additional meeting on the first Monday of the month prior to the Glendale Show or at any other time as deemed necessary for the smooth operation of the club, a quorum shall consist of five members of the committee, at least one of whom, must be an office bearer of the committee.

## **MEETINGS:**

Meetings are open to all members, prospective members and interested visitors. A “Visitor’s Box” is provided for their contributions.

Refreshments will be available at each meeting for which a small charge is made. Members are expected to assist wherever possible in the general running of the Club.

**COMPETITIONS:**

Alterations to the rules and directions for Club competitions may be made by the committee usually to be implemented only in the following season.

**FINANCE:**

1. Accounts which have been independently examined are to be presented for approval at each AGM.
2. "A Financial Statement will be presented at each Committee Meeting".
3. "Money and property collected by the Club will only be used to further the Clubs' objectives."
4. "Committee members cannot receive any money or property from the Club, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses."
5. "The Club's money will be held in a bank account in the name of the Club, and at least three people (who are unrelated and do not live at the same address) will be authorised as signatories. All payments will be authorised by at least 2 signatories".

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the AGM and of committee meetings will be kept by the Secretary and will be available for inspection by any member giving the Secretary reasonable notice.

**CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION:**

Changes may only be made by the affirmative vote of not less than fifty-five percent of members of the Club present in person at a General Meeting, all members having been duly notified in person or by post or electronically.

A member requiring a change or amendment must submit a proposal in writing to the Secretary at least one month before a committee meeting. A General Meeting may be called at the committee's discretion if ten percent of the Club request it.

**DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:**

The Club shall be dissolved on the affirmative vote of not less than fifty-five percent of members present at a meeting convened for that purpose.

All members must be notified in person or by post, of such a proposal, of the meeting and of the above rulings.

If such vote is forthcoming, any equipment owned by the club shall be offered to members to purchase at market value, the proceeds to be added to the financial assets of the Club.

After all outstanding expenses and accounts have been settled, the monies and any equipment not disposed of shall be offered to such local charitable organisations or schools as the committee decide.

Photographs, records and documents which may be of interest to the Local History Society or to the Public Records Office, shall be passed on to them.