

# The Constitution of The Hampden Safer Routes for Horses and Bridleways Association



## Name and Objectives

The Association shall be known as '**The Hampden Safer Routes for Horses and Bridleways Association**' (HSR4H BA).

The **HSR4H BA** exists to:

- Promote, foster and facilitate safer on and off-road horse riding in the vicinity of Great and Little Hampden and the surrounding area.
- Promote off-road riding on bridleways, permissive tracks and on horse tracks.
- Embrace the protection, maintenance and improvement of equestrian routes.
- To establish co-operative relationships with others, both landowners/farmers/local authorities and fellow path user bodies such as ramblers, cyclists and trail-riders.

## 1. Membership

- a) The HSR4H BA offers membership to individuals, or families, who have complied with its membership requirements, including payment of the relevant subscription for the period in question.
- b) Subscriptions are used to promote the HSR4H BA's objects, and funds may also be generated by events organised for that purpose.
- c) Anyone wishing to become a member must complete a membership application form (to be renewed annually) and comply with the stated conditions of membership.
- d) The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club's financial year (1<sup>st</sup> June). Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to that effect has been sent to him or her.
- e) The Committee may expel from membership of the Association any member who has not complied with the rules of the Association or who has, in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and give him or her a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him or her.

## 2. Committee

- a) All powers of the HSR4H BA's management shall be vested in the Committee, consisting of office holders, being the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, together with four other members. The office holders will be elected annually at the AGM. A minimum of three Committee members shall form a quorum for all decisions. All Committee members shall offer themselves for re-election annually at the Annual General Meeting of paid-up

members. The Committee is empowered to co-opt additional members onto the Committee at any time. All decisions of the Committee shall be final, unless overruled at a General Meeting of members.

- b) For the avoidance of doubt – and within its management powers – the Committee may:
  - i. Formulate a Constitution and any by-laws for running the HSR4H BA;
  - ii. Accept, decline or withdraw any individual's membership of the HSR4H BA;
  - iii. Set member subscriptions.
- c) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Association not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- d) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Association and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Association which the Committee may authorise.
- e) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.
- f) Cheques shall be signed by any two of Chairman, Secretary and one other Committee Member, the latter individual being agreed by the committee.

### **3. Member Meetings**

- a) An Annual General Meeting will be held each year to receive and adopt the accounts, to appoint a person to verify the Club's accounts for the coming year and to transact other HSR4H BA business proposed by the Committee and by members.
- b) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Secretary at the Committee's request, or by a request signed by not less than 10 members, to propose and vote on any matter of business.
- c) Notice of all General Meetings shall be sent to members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify matters to be dealt with.

### **4. Revenue**

- a) The revenue of the HSR4H BA shall be used solely to further the objectives of the Association. In the event of dissolution or winding up of the HSR4H BA any net assets remaining after settlement of all due liabilities shall be donated to The British Horse Society, to which the HSR4H BA is affiliated.

Agreed at the AGM June 2016.