

TAUNTON ART GROUP CONSTITUTION



1. The **NAME** of the group shall be Taunton Art Group
2. **OBJECTS:** The objects of the Group shall be to foster and interest in art and to encourage the practice and appreciation of all aspects of art by the organisation of discussions, meetings, lectures, exhibitions and visits.
3. **ORGANISATION:** The group shall consist of a **Patron, Executive Committee** and **Members**.
4. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - a) Membership is granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee to persons wishing to support the objects of the Group.
 - b) Honorary or Life Membership may be conferred at the discretion of Members at an Annual General Meeting.
5. **MANAGEMENT OF THE GROUP:**
 - a) The affairs of the Group shall be conducted by the Executive Committee consisting of **Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer** and up to twelve members.
 - b) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for all business transactions, the admission of new members, the arrangements and regulations for exhibitions and organising of activities to further the objects of the group.
 - c) The officers and members of the Committee and the Auditor shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting of Members.
 - d) Officers and members of the Committee shall normally serve for a period of THREE years and, with the exception of the Chairman, shall be eligible for re-election.
 - e) The Executive Committee shall so phase the retirement of Officers and Committee members that continuity is maintained.
 - f) The Committee shall have powers to co-opt Members of the Group
 - g) A QUORUM of the committee shall be FIVE of the officers and Members.
6. **EXPENSES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**
 - a) The Executive Committee shall determine the subscription and terms of membership on an annual basis.
 - b) The subscriptions and all other monies and/or property acquired by the Group shall be held by the Group on behalf of the members.
 - c) The Executive Committee may authorise the collection of subscriptions at adjusted rates as from the FIRST OF JANUARY in any one year, provided that advance notice has been given to the membership.
 - d) Subscriptions shall be payable on the FIRST OF JANUARY in each year and no Member shall be entitled to exhibit or vote at any General Meeting unless his or her subscription has been paid prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - e) Juniors up to the age of 18 are entitled to pay half the adult annual subscription.
 - f) All cheques drawn on the banking account must be signed by any two of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
7. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**
 - a) A General meeting shall be held in March each year or as soon as the Executive shall decide:
 - i) To receive reports and audited balance sheets from the Chairman and Treasurer and other officers discuss matters arising.
 - ii) To elect officers and members of the Executive Committee
 - b) A QORUM for the General Meeting shall be TEN Members.
 - c) Proposals for the Annual General Meeting must be given in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
 - d) Changes in the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a general meeting.