



CONSTITUTION

1) TITLE

The name of the Choir shall be the Hanover Choir, hereinafter referred to as the Choir.

2) OBJECTS

The objects of the Choir shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the Choir through its Committee shall determine from time to time.

3) MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Choir (open to all able to pass a simple singing test) shall be those who enrol with the Choir and who pay a subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by General Meeting.

4) OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The management of the Choir shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Hon. Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer and at least three and not more than six other members as the Annual General Meeting shall from time to time determine. The Officers and the other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Choir's members over the age of 18 at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. The Officers shall be the Trustees of the registered Charity. A Federal Representative for the National Federation of Music Societies shall be chosen by the Committee and shall remain in office until replaced. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional non-voting members.

5) POWERS

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Committee may exercise the following powers:

- i) Power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects.
- ii) Power to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

6) CONDUCTOR

The Choir shall appoint a Conductor who will be expected to be in attendance at its Committee meetings.

7) MANAGEMENT

All arrangements for concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee.

8) FINANCE

- a) The financial year shall end on 10 September.
- b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Choir and cheques shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, the Treasurer and two other nominated Committee members.
- c) The Choir may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events shall be offered for sale to the public.
- d) The income and property of the Choir whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Choir as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any members of the Choir except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Choir.

9) REHEARSALS

Rehearsals shall be held weekly during term time and at such other times as the Choir and Conductor shall determine.

10) DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Choir being wound up any assets remaining upon dissolution after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the Choir.

11) GENERAL MEETING

Within three months of the end of each financial year the members shall hold an Annual General Meeting of which at least 14 days' notice shall have been given.

12) ACCOUNTS

The financial accounts shall be submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

13) AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing or at rehearsals by announcement and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Choir ceasing to be a charity.

Amended 21st April 2022