

THE DURHAM SINGERS
CONSTITUTION (Amended)

1. TITLE

The name of the Society shall be THE DURHAM SINGERS, hereinafter referred to as "The Society".

2. OBJECTS

The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop, and maintain public education in and appreciation of the arts and sciences of choral music in all their aspects, by the presentation of public choral and orchestral concerts, and by other such ways as the Society through its Committee shall from time to time determine.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Society shall be those who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Committee (all subscriptions being payable in advance or in instalments, as agreed with the Honorary Treasurer), and (in the case of performing members) who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Committee may require.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chair, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, a Vice-Chair and up to 7 other members. The Officers and the other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election.

5. MANAGEMENT

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

6. FINANCE

a) The financial year shall end on 31 July.

b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society; cheques shall be signed by any two authorised signatories of the Society and payments by bank transfer shall be authorised by any two authorised signatories of the Society.

c) The Society 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 Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

7. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Society 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 Society.

8. GENERAL MEETING

Within six months of the end of each financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days' notice in writing shall have been given.

9. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

The financial accounts shall be examined or audited in accordance with the requirements from time to time of the Charity Commission and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

10. AMENDMENTS

The constitution of the Society may be amended by a two thirds majority of the members at an Annual General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

6 November 2023

We hereby certify that this amended constitution was submitted to and duly approved by the members in accordance with paragraph 10 of the original constitution of 28 October 1986 at an Annual General Meeting of the Durham Singers on 6 November 2023.