

YARROWFORD HALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be the "Yarrowford Hall Association"

2. Objects

The objects of the Association shall be to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Yarrowford, Broadmeadows, Bowhill and Philiphaugh and their environs without distinction of sex, sexuality, political, religious or other opinions by associating the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities, or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation so that their conditions of life may be improved. In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the association shall seek: -

- a. To implement the conditions of the Trust Deed dated 3 September 1930 by Mr Robert Stewart in favour of Dr Sandilands Kirkpatrick and others as Trustees for the Yarrowford Public Hall.
- b. To maintain and manage the said Hall and to carry out the extension of the premises which may at any time seem desirable, provided always that the use to which any such extended facilities are put shall be limited to those stated above.

3. Membership

Membership of the Association shall be open to all members of the community. The constituent bodies shall be those organisations which co-operate in promoting the objects of the Association and whose names shall be recorded on a register which may be amended from time to time by the Committee. They shall make such annual contribution to the funds of the Association as shall be determined by the Committee, but may also be liable to pay reasonable nightly or periodical fees in respect of the use by them of the Yarrowford hall and facilities provided by the Association.

4. Management

The property and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and not less than six members. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person.

The Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year, and shall hold office until the succeeding Annual General Meeting, when they shall be eligible for re-election, with the exception of the President, who shall not be eligible for re-election as President until two years after he demits office.

5. Chairman

At all meetings, the President or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall be Chairman, and in the absence of the President and the Secretary, the meeting shall elect a Chairman.

6. Quorum

At any Committee meeting, a quorum shall consist of five members.

7. Voting

At any meeting, the Chairman shall have the casting vote as well as a deliberate vote.

8. Vacancies

The Committee shall have the power to appoint a member to fill the place of any Office Bearer which may become vacant, such appointment to be valid only until the next Annual General Meeting.

9. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during the month of October in each year to receive the Annual Report of the Committee, to consider the annual audited statement of accounts, to elect Office Bearers, and to transact any other competent business.

10. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting must be called by the Secretary on a requisition in writing signed by five members, or by a quorum of the Committee, or by the Trustees, or by direction from the President.

11. Auditor

An auditor, who shall be an independent person not a member of the Association, shall be appointed annually by the Trustees.

12. Finance

- a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Committee for all receipts and payments, and for keeping of such books and records of his intermissions as may be required by the Committee.
- b. The financial year of the Association end on 10th October, and the year's accounts, balance sheet, bank pass-book, and other relevant documents shall be made available to the Auditor for the purposes of the annual audit in time for the Annual General Meeting.

- c. Any profits arising from the management of the Hall shall be used solely for furthering the objects of the Association as detailed above.

13. Trustees

It is noted, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Yarrowford Hall is not an asset of the Yarrowford Hall Association. The title to Yarrowford Hall is held by Trustees for behoof of the Yarrowford Public Hall, in terms of a Disposition by Robert Stewart in favour of Reverend Doctor Roger Sandilands Kirkpatrick and others as Trustees of behoof of Yarrowford Public Hall dated 19 March 1930 and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines for the County of Selkirk 27 September 1930.

14. Alterations to the Constitution

- a. No alterations to this constitution shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting of the Association convened for that purpose, and written notice of the proposed amendments must be sent to the Secretary at least one week previously. Additional temporary rules governing the use of Yarrowford Hall or facilities provided by the Association may, however, be made by the Committee, subject always to confirmation if a Special General Meeting is convened.
- b. No alteration shall come into force before and unless it has been confirmed by the Trustees.

15. Dissolution of the Association

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to a recognized charitable organisation(s) having objects similar to those of the Association, failing which shall be transferred to recognised or registered charities concerned with Cancer and Leukemia in Childhood or Multiple Sclerosis.

November 2003

The Constitution document dated November 2003 was reviewed and approved at the Yarrowford Hall Committee meeting on the 25th May 2025

Signed: James Bradshaw Chairman