



RICKMANSWORTH & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Agreed by the Committee on 6th July 2020 in lieu of AGM.
Published on website on 7th July 2020 for members' comments.

1. The name of the Association is "THE RICKMANSWORTH AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION".
2. **The objects of the Association are to:-**
 - (a) Protect and advance the general interests of the residents of Rickmansworth and district.
 - (b) Organise and promote united action for the above purpose.
 - (c) Hold meetings for the discussion of matters affecting the interests of the Residents of Rickmansworth and District.
 - (d) Provide support, information, and advice to residents of Rickmansworth and District on matters concerned with local administration.
 - (e) Cooperate with individuals and organisations having similar interests and objectives as the Association.
 - (f) Generate funds by means of entrance fees, donations, subscriptions, and advertising in INDEPENDENCE and on the Associations Web Site.

Purpose for the Association

3. To promote the general interests of the Residents of Rickmansworth and contribute to ensuring that the town, its environs, and amenities provide a pleasing environment in which to live.

Terms of Reference

4. The Association can pursue its purpose by some or all of the following activities:
 - (a). Monitoring the performance of National, County and Local Government, so that the Association contributes to ensuring that public affairs and local administration are conducted effectively.
 - (b) Hosting residents' meetings, so that the community can discuss local issues and be updated on matters of concern and general interest.
 - (c) Organising and promoting united action, so that where it becomes necessary to act, residents have an outlet through which to express their concerns and interests.
 - (d) Affiliating to, and co-operating with, any individual and organisation having similar objectives, so that the Association can benefit from sharing ideas and taking joint action if appropriate.
 - (e) Raising funds to meet the Associations expenses, so that it is adequately funded to continue as a proactive and effective community voice.
 - (f) Publishing a website and each year the Association's magazine INDEPENDENCE, and issue by e-mail a regular newsletter so that residents are aware that its Committee is acting in the best interests of the community.
 - (g) The Association shall be non-sectarian and independent of any political party.

Membership

5. Any resident of Rickmansworth and district, and any other person interested in the affairs of Rickmansworth, shall be eligible for membership of the Association.

Subscription

6. The annual subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, subject to ratification at the subsequent AGM.

Management

7. The management of the business and the funds of the Association shall be vested in the Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and not more than twelve other members of the Association. The Committee has the power to co-opt. additional members.

Election of Officers

8. The President, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and other members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall serve until the report of the Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts have been adopted by the Association at the next Annual General Meeting, whereupon they shall retire and be eligible for re-election, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 9 hereof. The retiring President, or in his absence any person appointed by the Committee, shall act as Chairman of the Annual General Meeting until the new President shall have been elected and, in the event of the absence of the new President, for the remainder of the meeting.

9. All nominations for election to the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer, or to membership of the Committee, must preferably be notified in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than three days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Every such notification must state the name of the proposer and seconder and must be accompanied by a statement, signed by the nominee, to the effect that he or she consents to the nomination.

10. At the Annual General Meeting, if only one person shall have been nominated for each of the offices of President, Hon. Secretary, or Hon. Treasurer, or if not more than 12 persons (not counting the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) shall have been so nominated as members of the Committee, such person or persons shall be declared duly elected. Save as aforesaid, the President, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and other members of the Committee shall be elected from the persons nominated by the majority vote of the members of the Association present at the meeting. Voting shall be by ballot.

11. Upon the recommendation of the retiring Committee, the members present at the Annual General Meeting may elect persons to be Vice-President(s) of the Association. A Vice-President shall not as such be a member of the Committee, but shall be eligible for election to membership of the Committee.