

HARROGATE FILM SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Society shall be known as the Harrogate Film Society, referred to here as "The Society".

2. OBJECTS

The objects of The Society are:

- (a) To advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of film.
- (b) To encourage interest in film as an art form and as a medium for public education and for the distribution of information, by the screening of films of artistic, cultural or scientific character, and of contrasting genres, from a variety of countries.
- (c) To promote the study and appreciation of films by such means as lectures, discussions and exhibitions.
- (d) Such lectures, discussions and exhibitions shall be open to the public, unless contractual requirements restrict to members only.
- (e) To encourage, recognise and support young and independent film makers in the Harrogate District.
- (f) Harrogate Film Society aims to be both warm and welcoming. We are fully committed to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion in everything we do and all we stand for.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone 16 years of age and over, on payment of the current fee and at the discretion of the committee.
- (b) The annual subscription/s shall be set by a proposal at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to attendance without charge at all the annual core season film screenings and related meetings, including social events. For other screenings and events that the Society organises from time to time, members may get priority access for booking and often discounted ticket prices.

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(d) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to one vote at Annual or other General meetings.

(e) The Committee may nominate for election at an Annual General Meeting such Life Members as the Committee think fit. The election of Life Members shall be put to the vote at an Annual General Meeting and such Life Members shall be duly elected if two thirds of those present, and entitled to vote, vote in favour. Life Members do not pay membership fees.

4. MANAGEMENT

(a) The business of The Society shall be managed by a Committee of at least 6 members and no more than 13. The Committee will consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary and other such Officers as may from time to time be appointed.

(b) The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until their successors are elected at the next AGM.

(c) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be 5 and there should be at least 4 meetings in a year.

(d) The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year. A Special General meeting may be called at any time by the Committee, or on written request being made to the Committee signed by at least 12 members.

(e) The quorum for General Meetings shall be 15 members.

(f) The Society shall be non-political and it shall not espouse the cause of any political party.

(g) The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a member or members. Any balance at the end of the financial year shall be carried over and devoted to the Objects of The Society.

(h) No members or committee members shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for The Society.

(i) Accounts will be produced annually and inspected by an independent person.

(j) The Society shall not be wound up except by a Resolution of 75% of those present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up, the remaining funds of The Society shall not be distributed amongst the Members but rather will be passed to a non-

profit making organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of The Society. Such organisations shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies.

5. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

No alteration of the rules shall be made except by a resolution of 67% of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made which would cause The Society to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.

HFS Committee

22 April 2024

Approved at the 2024 AGM by the membership.