

THE CONSTITUTION

ST ANDREWS CHORUS

The **Name of the Society** shall be **St Andrews Chorus**, hereinafter referred to as **The Society**.

The **Object of The Society** shall be to promote the knowledge and appreciation of choral music by giving regular performances of choral works.

Officers and Committee: The management of The Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a President, two or three Vice Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, and at least five other members, including at least two students at the University of St Andrews. The Officers and the other Committee members shall be elected by and out of The Society's members at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for 1 year and shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall meet at least twice in the year.

Membership

1. The members of The Society shall be those who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates, and at the appropriate time or times, as shall be determined by the Committee, and (in the case of performing members) who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Committee may require. Students and registered unemployed persons shall be entitled to membership at a reduced rate. This rate is to be determined by the Committee. Other categories and rates of membership to be discussed and agreed by the Committee.
2. The Conductor shall have discretion to determine whether a member whose attendance at rehearsals has been irregular should be permitted to take part in a concert.
3. Honorary Members do not pay a subscription or have any responsibility for running The Society and may be elected by a two-thirds majority of those present at an Annual General Meeting.

Powers

In furtherance of the Objects but not otherwise the Committee may exercise the following powers -

1. Power to raise funds and to provide contributions provided that in raising funds the Committee shall not undertake any permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.
2. Power to appoint advisory committees.
3. Power to buy or lease any property necessary for the achievement of the Objects.
4. Power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objects.

5. Power to cooperate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the Objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them.

Finance

1. The financial year shall end on 30th June.
2. A banking account will be opened in the name of The Society. Up to 5 Officers or Committee members of the Society will be signatories for the bank accounts, with any 2 required to sign cheques.
3. An internet banking account will be opened in the name of The Society. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer will be registered users and all payments shall be countersigned.
4. The Society may receive donations, grants in aid, and financial guarantees. Tickets for all of its concerts and other events shall be offered for sale to the public.
5. The income of The Society shall be applied solely towards promoting the Objects of The Society, and no portion thereof shall be paid to any member or members of The Society except in payments of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of The Society.

Dissolution: In the event of a decision by the Committee members that the process of dissolution of The Society should be commenced, the Committee members shall ensure that the process for dissolution is carried out in accordance with current Scottish charity legislation.

General Meeting: Within nine months of the end of each financial year, the members shall be invited to an Annual General Meeting, of which at least 14 days' notice in writing or by email shall be given.

Meetings: Committee meetings, singing rehearsals, workshops, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings may be held either in person or virtually (electronically), or be hybrid (a combination of the two), at the discretion of the Committee.

External Scrutiny of Accounts: The accounts shall be externally scrutinised in line with current Scottish charity legislation and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Amendments: The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that 14 days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and provided that no amendment shall have the effect of annulling the charitable status of The Society.