

# The Sampford Peverell Society

Constitution as agreed on 9 October 2003

*Updated by agreement at AGM 11 October 2024*

1. The Society shall be called 'The Sampford Peverell Society'.
2. The aims of the Society shall be:
  - a) to explore, document, record, restore, conserve and disseminate the local and natural history of Sampford Peverell by drawing on all relevant sources, including the knowledge of present and former inhabitants;
  - b) to create and maintain an information resource for the benefit and education of the local community and of others with an interest in Sampford Peverell, in particular the younger generation;
  - c) to establish and foster links with relevant organisations and other local communities engaged in similar activities.
3. Membership shall be open to all residents of Sampford Peverell and its environs and to others with an interest in Sampford Peverell.
4. Subscriptions shall be decided by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.
5. The Society's income shall only be used towards meeting its aims.
6. The officers of the Society shall be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The committee shall consist of the officers, and four other members to be elected at the Annual General. The committee shall have the power of co-option and of appointing sub-committees.
8. The Society shall meet at least quarterly, one meeting to be the Annual General

Meeting. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 20 members or one quarter of all the members if that is a lesser number, both numbers to include proxy votes.

9. The Annual General Meeting shall take place in October; the first Annual General Meeting to take place in October 2003.
10. The Accounts shall be drawn up once a year, with the first accounting period to end on 31 July 2004, and they shall be audited or independently examined before being presented at the Annual General Meeting.
11. The Society shall have the power to open and maintain one or more bank account, operated in such manner as determined by the committee, for the purpose of depositing monies and paying expenses.
12. The Society may affiliate to become a member of other relevant bodies.
13. Any proposal to amend this constitution must be published to all members at least 14 days before a Special Meeting is called at which the proposal is to be made. Amendments to the constitution may be made by two-thirds majority vote of the members who are either present at the so-arranged meeting, or who have voted by proxy.
14. The Society may be dissolved by resolution at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, advertised to all members at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. The resolution would require a two-thirds majority vote of the members who are either present or who have voted by proxy. In the event of dissolution the Society's assets shall be disposed of in the manner determined at the Special Meeting, save that every effort will be made to safeguard any records, documents, artefacts etc for the future benefit of the community and that any monies will be given to a local group with similar aims.