

SOMERSET RECORD SOCIETY

RULES

1. The name of the Society shall be the Somerset Record Society.
2. The objects of the Society shall be the advancement of education and learning and the promotion of public interest in local history and the preservation of ancient manuscript records relating to the County of Somerset by their transcription and publication so that their contents may be made generally available.
3. Membership of the Society shall be open to individuals, societies and other bodies, interested in promoting the objects of the Society. Institutional members shall have the right to nominate one representative. No member shall be entitled to any personal profit from the activities of the Society.
4. The annual subscription shall be £15. Members whose subscriptions are not in arrears shall be entitled to receive one copy of each of the Society's publications issued during the period of their membership.
5. The Society shall be controlled by a Council of twelve elected members, who shall appoint an Honorary Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Editor. The holders of these offices shall be ex-officio members of the Council. The Council shall elect its own chairman. One fourth of the elected members shall retire annually in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Council shall have power to co-opt temporarily any person likely to assist in the publication of any volume the Society may have in contemplation.
6. The Society shall each year call a General Meeting (of which not less than fourteen days notice shall be given) for the purpose of receiving the annual statement of accounts and a report on the work of the Society. At this meeting vacancies on the Council shall be filled. Nominations may be made by the Council, or by any two members whose signed proposal must have been sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than Dec. 31 preceding the annual meeting. The Council may also call such other general meetings as they may deem advisable.
7. Any alterations to these Rules shall be made to a General Meeting of the Society duly convened.
8. If the Council show resolve that the Society be dissolved it shall call a Special General Meeting of members, giving not less than fourteen days notice of such meeting and the purpose for which it is called. If the meeting decides that the Society be dissolved any assets remaining after the discharge of the Society's liabilities shall be applied in furtherance of educational and historical research in the County of Somerset compatible with the Charitable Trusts Acts and, if possible, in co-operation with the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society.