

# BANBURY SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

## CONSTITUTION AND RULES



*Art for everyone*

### CONSTITUTION

#### Name

1. The name of the society will be BANBURY SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

#### Object

2. To advance public education in the visual arts, in particular by:
  - a) Lectures, discussions, and visits to places of historical and artistic interest.
  - b) An annual exhibition of art work by members, and to which the public will be admitted, called the MEMBER'S EXHIBITION.

#### Membership

3. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the object of the society.
4. Members shall pay an annual subscription which will be to cover the cost of venue hire, and speaker fees. In the year 2020, this is due to be £33 per annum and is due by the first meeting of February for the ensuing year.

From 18-24 there may be a Student membership subscription of £20.

Any member joining after June shall pay one half year's subscription, which will pay for them up until the December of that year.

#### Officers

5. The officers of the society shall be an Hon. Chairman and an Hon. Treasurer. Both chairman and treasurer shall be honorary members for their year of office.

#### Committee

6. The committee shall consist of the officers of the Society for the time being. Elected committee members can be added as the society grows, and to take on specific tasks such as Exhibition Secretary.
7. The Committee may co-opt other members or non-members for special purposes, provided that their numbers do not exceed one third of the total membership of the committee (12).

## RULES

### Finance

8. All moneys accruing to the Society shall be devoted solely to the object of the Society as laid down in its constitution.
9. No moneys shall be payable to subscribing members for services rendered to it except for repayments of actual disbursements made in carrying out their work; unless by a special decision of the committee.
10. Cheques on behalf of the society shall be signed by the Hon. Chairman and or by the Hon. Treasurer.
11. In the event of the society being wound up, any assets shall be devoted to an object similar to that of the society.

### Committee Meetings

12. The Committee in general should meet once a month.

### General Meeting

13. A General Meeting should be held annually in December at the end of the usual December meeting. Not less than ten days' notice will be given to members, together with its intended agenda.
14. At this meeting there shall be submitted an Hon. Chairman's report of the society since the last Annual General Meeting, and a financial statement made by the Hon. Treasurer.
15. At this meeting the officers for the ensuing meeting shall be elected/re-elected by vote. The Hon. Chairman shall hold a casting vote should there be more than one person wishing to take a role and the votes are equal.

### Annual Exhibition

16. The annual exhibition shall be held over two days on dates fixed by the committee, but preferably over the summer and to tie in with other town events to gain for visitors.
17. Every member will be entitled to enter, with a nominal entry fee per piece of work to cover the costs of the exhibition set up and outlay. The fee will be decided by the committee each year.
18. Works submitted for exhibition must have been executed in the last five years, and be of the artist's own originality or the reference for the piece must be owned by the person submitting, or have a written agreement by the owner of the original reference.
19. A small commission will be taken (10% but not more than 20%) from the sale of art work, and will be decided by the committee annually.

## Alterations to the Constitution

20. i) Subject to the following provisions of this clause the constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting.
- ii) No Amendment can be made to clause 1, clause 2, clause 5, clause 21, or this clause.

## Dissolution

21. If the Executive Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the society, it shall call a meeting of all members of the society, of which not less than 21 day's notice (Stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two thirds majority if those present and voting, the Executive Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the society. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other institutions having objectives similar to the objects of the society, as the members of the society may determine, or failing that shall be applied for some charitable purpose.