



# MINEHEAD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 275126

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## Constitution

1. **TITLE:** The name of the Society shall be **THE MINEHEAD AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY**, hereinafter referred to as "The Society".
2. **OBJECTS:** The objects of the Society shall be to educate the public in the arts and sciences, and in particular the art and science of Music, in the presentation of concerts and activities.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** The members of the Society shall be those persons who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Committee the subscription being payable in advance, and who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Committee shall require.
4. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:** The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Federal Representative, the Conductor, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, the Librarian, the Accompanist and **SEVEN** other members. The officers (other than the Federal Representative) and other committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. The Federal Representative shall remain in office until replaced.
5. **MANAGEMENT:** All the arrangements for the Concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee.
6. **FINANCE:**
  - a) The financial year shall end on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two *officers of the Society*.
  - c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.
  - d) The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.
  - e) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society any remaining assets after all liabilities have been *discharged shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the Society but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Society and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets among its members.*
7. **GENERAL MEETING:** Within six weeks of the end of each financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days' notice shall have been given.
8. **AUDITED ACCOUNTS:** The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at an Annual General Meeting.
9. **AMENDMENTS:** The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided also that *nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a Charity.*

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Constitution adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1977