



## GENERAL RULES

### 1. NAME

The Society shall be called **The Shropshire Art Society**.

### 2. AIMS & OBJECTS

**The aims & objects of the Society shall be:**

To further and encourage interest in the visual arts in Shropshire.

To render practical help to Members of the Society.

To arrange lectures and visits to Exhibitions.

To organise Exhibitions of Members original work.

The Society exists for all who enjoy the visual arts.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership of the Society shall be open to all individuals, aged 16 or over, approved by the Committee, who are interested in the visual arts.

Members must reside in the historic boundary of Shropshire on election to the Society.

There shall be one Class of Membership.

There shall be an entrance fee to the Society of £10.

Honorary Life Members may be appointed, on the recommendation of the Committee, by the Society in a General Meeting.

(b) The subscription shall be determined by the Elected Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Subscriptions shall be paid on joining the Society and thereafter on 1<sup>st</sup> January annually.

(d) Members whose subscriptions are unpaid after 31 January shall be deemed to have resigned from the Society.

(e) Members whose subscriptions are unpaid may NOT exhibit work in the Society's exhibitions OR take part in the Society's events and activities which are limited to members.

### 4. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Society's Financial Year shall begin from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### 5. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE



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- (a) The Society shall consist of a President, a Chair, a Vice-Chair, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Membership Secretary, an Honorary Exhibition Secretary, Honorary Sketch Club Secretaries, an Honorary Webmaster, an Honorary Travel Secretary, an Honorary Workshops & Classes Secretary, an Honorary Minutes Secretary, and Members.
- (b) The President shall be appointed annually.
- (c) The Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Exhibition Secretary, Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Sketch Club Secretaries, Honorary Webmaster, Honorary Travel Secretary, Honorary Workshops & Classes Secretary, Honorary Minutes Secretary and a minimum of six Members as may be decided upon at the Annual General Meeting. Committee Members shall be appointed for three years. The Committee may co-opt Members as necessary.
- (d) The Committee shall meet at least four times a year.
- (e) Four Committee Members, including the Chair, shall form a Quorum.

### **6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held before December each year when appointments shall be made in accordance with the Rules of the Society. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts relating to the work and finances of the Society shall be presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

### **7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time considered opportune by the Committee or at the request of 12 Members of the Society. The purpose of the Meeting shall be communicated to the Honorary Secretary at least 10 days before such a meeting.

### **8. ALTERATION OF RULES**

No alteration in the Rules shall be made except at a General meeting, notice of such proposed alterations being given to Members not less than 10 days before the Meeting. The date of the Meeting shall be notified at least 7 days before such meeting.

### **9. EXHIBITIONS**

The Society shall aim to hold at least two Exhibitions of members work each year. Commission will be charged on the Sales of Members work.



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Members entering work in the Society's Exhibitions will be required to sign agreement to the Exhibition rules.

### **10. VISITS and HOLIDAYS**

Visits and holidays arranged by the Shropshire Art Society will be on an ad-hoc basis and the goodwill of the organisers.

Members and their guests will be liable for the arrangement of their own individual travel insurance.

Any member and / or guest booking for a Society event accepts any rules applied by the Society at such events.

### **11. FUNDS**

The Funds of the Society should be applied to its stated aims and objects. Members of the Society shall not receive any payment direct or indirect for their services or for anything except legitimate expenses occurred in their work or when invited to be tutors to the Society, when they will be entitled to normal tuition fees, or as and when invited to provide specific professional services at the request of and approved by the Committee.

In the event of dissolution, any remaining funds shall be donated to aims and objects similar to those of the Society.