

CONSTITUTION OF THE DAWLISH STAMP CLUB

- 1 The name of the Club shall be the **DAWLISH STAMP CLUB**
- 2 The object of the Club shall be to promote the friendly association of all persons in the district interested in any branch of philately.
- 3 The affairs of the Club shall be administered by a committee consisting of a Chairman (**who may only stand for a period of up to three years**), Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to 4 (four) other members of the Club (one of whom shall, when available be the immediate Past Chairman). All members of the Committee shall be elected, or re-elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary at least 7 (seven) days before the meeting. On all matters the decision of the Committee shall be final. At Committee Meetings the quorum shall be 3 (three). The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February.
- 4 All persons interested in philately shall be eligible to join the Club, subject to nomination by a member of the Club. Such nomination shall be considered by the Committee and if approved, the candidates shall thereupon be elected. The Club shall not be liable for any acts of its members. All members must conform to the Rules of the Club, and membership shall be taken as signifying consent to the rules and shall be an agreement to be bound by them.
- 5 The Committee shall have the power to order the suspension or expulsion of any member for sufficient reason provided that a motion to that effect obtains a two-thirds majority at a Committee Meeting.
- 6 At all meetings the Chair shall be taken by the Chairman or any member of the Committee.
- 7 (a) The Honorary Secretary shall give notice to the members of all meetings, shall keep minutes of the Committee Meetings and General Meetings and shall conduct all correspondence.

(b) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies. He shall prepare a statement of accounts and balance sheet to present to the Annual General Meeting. Such statement and balance sheet shall have been previously audited by a Club member who is not a member of the Committee.
- 8 (a) The annual subscription shall be determined by the Committee, from time to time and payment of this shall entitle a member to attend all meetings of the Club and to take advantage of all the activities, privileges and benefits which the Club may offer.

(b) Subscriptions shall be payable immediately on election, and thereafter annually **at the AGM or shortly afterwards**.
- 9 A member wishing to resign should give notice to his intention to the Honorary Secretary in writing.
- 10 A member may introduce a visitor to any meeting of the Club.
- 11 The Club may, at a General Meeting, elect to Honorary Life Membership any member of the Club who has rendered distinguished service to it.
- 12 An alteration to the rules can only be made by a two-thirds majority at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Notice of any proposed alteration must be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least 4 (four) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 13 The Packet Secretary shall be responsible for organising distribution of packets among members and shall be responsible for 10 (ten) percent to be accounted to the Club.
- 14 The Committee shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting of the Club at any time on giving 3 (three) weeks notice to members. A Special General Meeting shall have the same powers as an Annual General Meeting.