



SHAFTESBURY TOWN SILVER BAND

The Band Hall, Bleke Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8QA
Registered Charity 272454

CONSTITUTION

1. The Name of the Society shall be The Shaftesbury Town Silver Band.
 2. The society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising Shaftesbury which area shall be deemed to include all places falling within fifteen miles of the Boundary of Shaftesbury such are hereinafter to be referred to as "the area of benefit".
 - (a) To educate the public in the arts and sciences and in particular the art and science of music by presentation of concerts and other activities.
 - (b) To promote any other Charitable object considered by the committee to be advantageous to the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the said purposes but not otherwise the society through its Executive Committee shall have the following powers: -
- (1) To promote or assist in promoting activities of a Charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
 - (2) To hold concerts, meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
 - (3) To use such means at the Executive Committee, deem advisable to stimulate public interest and opinion in the objects of society and to give advice and information.
 - (4) To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription donation and otherwise.
 - (5) To take and accept any gifts or property whether subject to any special trusts or not.
 - (6) To sell, let, mortgage dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property funds of the society for the time being as shall be necessary.
 - (7) To borrow or raise money for the purpose of the society on such terms and on such security as the executive committee shall think fit but so that the liability of the individual members of the society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual subscriptions.
 - (8) To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.
3. Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the society. No member shall have power to vote at any meeting of the society if his subscription is in arrears at the time. Junior members shall be those aged 18 years and under at 1st January, or at the committee's discretion – allowing for full time education / individual circumstances.
Members may not vote until they reach 18 years of age.
The subscriptions of a member joining in the three months preceding the 1st January in any year shall be regarded as covering membership for the society's year commencing on the 1st January following the date of joining the society. If a member joining in the period January – June inclusive of full months shall be requested to pay ½ the membership fee which shall cover the current year.
 4. The annual subscriptions shall be:

Members	£20.00
Junior Members	£10.00

Or any such other sums as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine and it shall be payable in the month of January each year. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid two months after it is due.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to offer life membership of the society to such person or persons upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee shall determine and it is expressly declared that the Executive Committee shall have power to confer free life membership on such person or persons who have



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rendered special services to the society provided that the total number of free life members shall not exceed ten in total.

5. An Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first six months from the beginning of the year to receive the Executive Committees Report and audited Accounts and to elect officers and members of the committee. The committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the society shall be held and shall give at least seven days' notice of such meetings to all members.

Extraordinary General Meetings of the society shall be held at the written request of members representing not less than ten percent of the existing membership of the society and whose subscriptions are fully paid up. Members personally present shall constitute a quorum for the meeting of the society.

6. Nominations for the election of officers shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. Such consent must be obtained in writing and submitted to the Annual General Meeting before voting on the nomination. The elections of officers shall be completed prior to the election of further committee.

Members. The officers of the society shall consist of: -

Bandmaster (If elected)

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Honorary Secretary and if applicable – Honorary Booking Secretary / Honorary Hall Hire Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Librarian

All of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The band may also have a Musical Director, (as well as or instead of a Bandmaster), who will not serve on the committee, but may be invited to attend committee meetings at the discretion of the committee. The Musical Director will be unable to vote, except at a General Meeting. A President, usually the Mayor of Shaftesbury unless he/she has any objections, may also be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Society for such periods to be decided at such a meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Society. No Committee Member shall be a paid employee nor benefit financially from the society.

7. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Society. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and not more than six other members. If there are less than six other members elected the committee shall have power to co-opt further members to reach a total of six. Co-opted Members will have full voting rights. The officers and members of the committee shall normally be resident or working in the area of benefit but the committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members from outside the area of benefit. The President may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee and shall be entitled to vote at any such meeting. In the event of an equality in the votes cast the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made in writing at or before the Annual General Meeting. They must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained and their consent in writing produced. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot shall take place in such manner as shall be determined. Members of the Executive Committee shall meet not less than six times a year at intervals of not more than two months and the Honorary Secretary shall give all members not less than seven days' notice of each such meeting. The quorum shall comprise one third of the members of the Executive Committee.
8. The Executive Committee shall ensure the Safeguarding of all members of the Society. This will consist of having agreeable Society members undertake relevant training at regular intervals to ensure the Society operates within the current legislation. Policies and guidance will be written and updated as information is updated or reviewed following any courses that are completed by the members undertaking training. DBS or equivalent checks will be available to Society members to assist with the safeguarding of Society members.
9. The Executive Committee may constitute such sub-committees as from time to time shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit. The Chairman and Secretary of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and all actions and proceedings of each sub-committee shall be



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reported to and be confirmed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible. Members of the Executive Committee may be members of any sub-committee and membership of a sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the Executive Committee. Sub-committees shall be subordinate to the Executive Committee and may be regulated or dissolved by the Executive Committee.

10. The Executive Committee shall out of the funds of the society pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. After payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reverse of such sums as maybe deemed expedient the remaining funds of the society shall be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of the purposed of the Society.
11. Any freehold and leasehold property acquired by the Society the reserve fund hereinbefore mentioned and all other investments of the Society and any other property belonging to the Society shall be vested in Trustees who shall deal with such property as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.
The Trustees of the band Hall will be three in number, The power of appointing new Trustees of the Band Hall shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall advise the Trustees of all decisions of the Executive Committee relating to investment of funds and duties of such Trustees in relation to the Society. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the Trustees in their duties and liability under such indemnity shall be proper administrative expense.
12. All moneys at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be passed by the Executive Committee for investment in or upon such investment securities or properties as is thought fit.
13. Moneys requiring to be invested under the trusts hereof may at the discretion of the Trustees be applied or invested in the purchases of or at interest upon the security of such stocks funds shares securities or other investments or property or whatever nature and wheresoever situation and whether producing income or not (including the purchase or improvement of landed property anywhere in the world fir use as a residence) and whether involving liability or not upon the personal credit with or without security as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit to the intent that the Trustees shall have the same full and unrestricted powers or investment and varying investment in all respects as if they were absolutely and beneficially entitled thereto.
14. This Constitution may be amended by a two-third majority or members present at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society provided that seven days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise an amendment the effect of which would be to cause the Society at any times to lose it's Charitable status.
15. Any notice required to be given by these rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Secretary.
16. The Society may be dissolved by a two-third majority or members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Extraordinary General Meeting held not less than fourteen days after the previous meeting. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more Charitable Institutions (having similar objects of the Society) as shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. On dissolution the Minute Books and other records of the Society shall be deposited with the Shaftesbury Town Council.

Dated this day of 2022

Printed: Greg Lowe

Signed: [Signature]

Witnessed by the President – The Mayor of Shaftesbury at the AGM – 5th May 2022

Printed: A. HOLLINGSHEADS

Signed: [Signature]

