

BARDSEY BIRD AND FIELD OBSERVATORY

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Registered Charity No 249790

- 1 **Name** The Society shall be named :- The Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory
- 2 **Objects** The Society is established for scientific research with particular reference to :-
 - a) The study of the Natural History of Bardsey and other islands in the vicinity.
 - b) The protection of animal and plant life in the area.
 - c) The establishment and maintenance of an Observatory on Bardsey to facilitate the furtherance of these objectives.
 - d) Publication of reports on the work of the Observatory and of any other matter relevant to the 'Objects' of the Society.
 - e) Co-operation with national and local bodies, educational authorities and others, in furthering the study of natural history.
- 3 **Application of Funds.** The funds of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the foregoing objects, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever, by way of profits to the Members of the Society, provided that nothing contained in these Rules shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any Officer or servant of the Society or to any Member or Associate thereof in return for services actually rendered to the Society.
- 4 **Membership** Membership shall be open to anyone interested in natural history and who is willing to abide by the Rules of the Society.

Members, who shall be known as "Friends of Bardsey Observatory", shall comprise all those individuals or bodies who contribute to the funds of the Society in the manner indicated below. Such members shall be identified as follows:-

 - a) Life Members, being all those individuals who give the Society a minimum sum in one single contribution, the amount to be determined annually.
 - b) Members, being all those individuals of 18 years and over who give a yearly contribution of an amount set annually by Council.
 - c) Student Members, being all those individuals who are over 13 but who have not reached the age of 18, or who are still in receipt of full time education, who give a contribution of one half of the Membership subscription or more, annually.
 - d) Affiliated Members, being those Schools or other organisations who give a yearly contribution of an amount set annually by Council.
 - e) Honorary Members, being those persons elected at the discretion of the Council.
- 5 **Finance** The financial year shall commence on 1st December and end on 30th November and the accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting
- 6 **The Council** The administration and management of the Society shall be governed by a Council constituted annually and consisting of a President, Vice President(s), Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Bookings Secretary, Hon. Report Editor and the following:-
 - a) Six 'Friends of Bardsey Observatory' elected at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b) Three persons elected annually by the West Midland Bird Cub
 - c) One person elected annually by the Wildlife Trust of West Wales
 - d) One person elected annually by the North Wales Wildlife Trust

Note:- In the event that the nominated person is unable to attend, a deputy may represent either of the above Wildlife Trusts and have full voting rights.
The Council may co-opt any other five persons annually

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The Council shall, at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, elect from among its members, any other Officers as it thinks fit. Five persons shall form a quorum.
The Council shall meet at least once a year and shall have the power to set up any committees and to assign to them such responsibilities as it shall think proper. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the course of the year

- 7 **Annual Meeting** An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year and notice of that meeting shall be posted to every Member at least three weeks before the date on which it is to be held. Only Life Members and Members shall have the right to vote at Annual General Meetings.
The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to receive and consider the Annual Report of the Council, and to consider the accounts.
To elect a President, Vice President(s), Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Bookings Secretary, and Hon. Report Editor also to elect six 'Friends of Bardsey Observatory to serve on the Council.
Nominations for these six places may be made by any two members and must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary two clear weeks before the Annual General Meeting, together with the consent of the nominee.
Persons who serve continually in this capacity for four years shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.
- 8 **Alteration to Rules** These Rules may be altered only by a Special General Meeting. Two weeks prior notice in writing shall be posted to all Members and Life Members and any such alterations shall be made by a simple majority of those present and voting.

Note :- This edition of the 'Conditions and Rules' of The Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory includes changes as proposed at a meeting of Council held on Saturday 20th November 2004 and presented to a General Meeting of the BBFO held on Saturday 19th March 2005 where those changes were accepted by all those Members present.

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