

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME The name at the Society shall be the TEWKESBURY CIVIC SOCIETY
2. OBJECTS The objects of the Society shall be to promote and encourage the following objects by charitable means but not otherwise:
1. To encourage high standards of architecture, town planning and environmental management in Tewkesbury.
 2. To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area of the town and its surroundings.
 3. To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
- In furtherance of the objectives:
1. To make representations to appropriate Authorities on matters involving planning and on matters involving pollution by noise, light, noxious fumes etc. that have the potential for a deleterious affect on the environment of Tewkesbury.
 2. To pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity, and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.
 3. To assist in the collection of local records.
3. MEMBERSHIP Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid 6 months after it is due.
4. SUBSCRIPTIONS The subscriptions shall be such reasonable sums as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time.
5. MEETINGS An annual General Meeting shall be held in or about May of each year to receive the Executive 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 14 days notice of such meetings to all members. Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the request of 10 or more members. Ten members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a Meeting of the Society.
6. OFFICERS Nominations for the election of officers shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be in writing supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members. The Officers of the Society shall consist of
- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Solicitor
- all of whom shall relinquish their office every three years and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A President and Vice-Presidents may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society for periods to be decided at such meeting.

7. COMMITTEE
- The Executive committee shall consist of the Officers and not more than 12 further members. The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members. The President and Vice-Presidents may attend meetings of the Executive Committee but may not vote at such meetings. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. They must be in writing, supported by a seconder, and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place. All Executive Committee members must relinquish their positions after three years and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.
- The Executive Committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Society, and may take decisions on its behalf. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of six members.
8. APPEALS
- The Executive Committee shall have power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies for carrying out the objects of the Society.
9. EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATION
- The Executive Committee shall out of the monies received by the Society pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society
10. INVESTMENT
- At the discretion of the Executive Committee all monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for objects shall be invested by the Executive Committee upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, but so that monies subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners or of the Minister of Education shall only be invested in such securities as may for the time being be prescribed by Law.
11. BORROWING
- The Executive Committee may borrow for the objects of the Society such monies at such rate of interest and in such a manner as it may think fit.
12. AMENDMENTS
- The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that 14 days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object.
13. WINDING UP
- In the event of the winding-up of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as may be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.