

# STRETTON CHORAL SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION 2009

### 1. NAME

- 1.1. The name of the Society shall be the Stretton Choral Society hereinafter referred to as the Society.

### 2. OBJECT

- 2.1. The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of choral music in all its aspects. This shall be achieved by the presentation of public concerts and recitals, and by such other ways as the Society shall determine through its Committee.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. The membership of the Society shall be any person who has paid the annual subscription in advance at the appropriate rate or rates as determined by the Committee. No individual shall be excluded from membership of the Society on the grounds of sex, race, colour, age, religion, sexual orientation or political affiliation.
- 3.2. The Committee may, in its absolute discretion, decline membership to any applicant, or discontinue the membership of any existing member providing that the individual shall have the right to be heard by the committee.

### 4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- 4.1. The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of the following officers; chairman, secretary, treasurer and five (5) other members. The officers and the other members shall be elected by and out of the Society's membership at the Annual general Meeting of the Society. All members of the committee shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. The officers of the committee shall be the charity trustees for the Society.
- 4.2. The committee may co-opt up to two (2) additional members during the year. The Musical Director and the Assistant Musical Director shall be ex officio members of the committee.
- 4.3. All members of the committee, including co-opted members, shall have the right to vote and the chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

### 5. MEETING AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1. The committee shall hold at least two ordinary meetings each year. The chairman shall act as the chairman at the meeting of the committee. If the chairman is absent from any meeting the members of the committee shall choose one of their number to be chairman before any other business is transacted.
- 5.2. There shall be a quorum for the committee when four (4) members of the committee are present at the meeting.
- 5.3. The committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings in such a form that they are available for inspection.

### 6. MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the committee.



## 7 MUSICAL DIRECTION

- 7.1. The committee shall be responsible for selecting and appointing a Musical Director and, if required, an Assistant Musical Director.
- 7.2. The Musical Director shall be responsible for the artistic direction of the Society, including the selection of music for rehearsal and performance in consultation with the committee.

## 8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The financial year shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two officers of the Society.
- 8.2. The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events shall be offered for sale to the public.
- 8.3 The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, either directly or indirectly, to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

## 9 GENERAL MEETING

- 9.1 Within seven (7) weeks of the end of the financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting for which at least fourteen (14) days notice shall have been given in writing. A quorum for the Annual General meeting shall be 20 members present, or forty percent (40%) of the total membership of the Society, whichever shall be the greater.

## 10. ACCOUNTS

- 10.1. The financial accounts shall be audited or examined to the extent required by legislation or, if there is no such requirement, scrutinized by a person who is independent of the committee. Accounts shall be submitted to the members at the Annual general meeting.

## 11 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 11.1. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting provided that fourteen (14) days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members of the Society, and provided that nothing contained in the proposed amendment shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

## 12. DISSOLUTION

- 12.1 In the event of the Society being wound up any assets remaining upon dissolution, after the payment of proper debts and liabilities, shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the Society.

Signed

*R. J. Ward*

.... Acting Chairman

Date

*19 November 2009*