

Without Walls CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The charity's name is Without Walls

2 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE:-

- To support the provision of good quality nurture, educational and leisure activities for young people, youth, families and the elderly focussing especially on the "hard to reach" and those living in areas ranking highest on the indices of multiple deprivations.
- To engage with local voluntary, statutory and private sector groups as well as individuals in a common effort to benefit the local community.
- To oversee the development of new community provisions across the whole range of the community, working in partnership with local bodies.

3 TRUSTEES

The charity shall be managed by a committee of trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the charity.

4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the charitable purposes, the trustees have the power to:

- (1) raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (2) apply funds to carry out the work of the charity
- (3) co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
- (4) do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

5 MEMBERSHIP

The charity shall have a membership. People who support the work of the charity and are aged 18 or over, can apply to the trustees to become a member. Once accepted by the trustees, membership lasts for 3 years and may be renewed. The trustees will keep an up-to-date membership list.

The trustees may remove a person's membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the charity. The member has the right to be heard by the trustees before the decision is made and can be accompanied by a friend.

6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- (1) The AGM must be held every year, with 14 days notice given to all members telling them what is on the agenda. Minutes must be kept of the AGM.
- (2) There must be at least 50% of members + 1 present at the AGM.
- (3) Every member has one vote.
- (4) The trustees shall present the annual report and accounts.

- (5) Trustees are appointed to the board by the 3 Parochial Church Councils, which each appoint 3 representatives on an annual basis up to a total of 9 members. The decision on its representatives rests with each PCC. Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are named officers, appointed at the AGM. Some persons with specialist skills may be co-opted to the trustee board to oversee aspects of the work, by majority vote of the trustee board. The board may create a management committee for a particular area of work.

7 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

- (1) Trustees must hold at least 4 meetings each year. At their first meeting after the AGM they will elect a chair, treasurer and secretary. Trustees may act by majority decision.
- (2) At least 3 trustees must be present at the meeting to be able to take decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- (3) If trustees have a conflict of interest they must declare it and leave the meeting while this matter is being discussed or decided.
- (4) The trustees may make reasonable additional rules to help run the charity. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law.

8 MONEY AND PROPERTY

- (1) Money and property must only be used for the charity's purposes.
- (2) Trustees must keep accounts. The most recent annual accounts can be seen by anybody on request.
- (3) Trustees cannot receive any money or property from the charity, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- (4) Money must be held in the charity's bank account. All cheques must be signed by 2 trustees.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

If the Trustees consider it is necessary to change the constitution, or wind up the charity, they must call a General Meeting so that the membership can make the decision. Trustees must also call a General Meeting if they receive a written request from the majority of members. All members must be given 14 days notice and told the reason for the meeting. All decisions require a two thirds majority. Minutes must be kept.

- (1) **Winding up** - any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a charity with similar purposes to this one.
- (2) **Changes to the Constitution** - can be made at AGMs or General Meetings. No change can be made that would make the organisation no longer a charity.
- (3) **General Meeting** - called on written request from a majority of members.
- (4) Trustees may also call a General Meeting to consult the membership

10 **SETTING UP THE CHARITY**

This constitution was adopted on ____14th May____ 2018____ by the people whose names appear below. They will be the trustees until the AGM, which must be held within one year of this date.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Chris McCann	Chair
Joel Love (Revd)	Secretary
Peter Curran	Treasurer
Gary Ward	Member
John Portman	Member