

Whitehaven Rambling Club

Founded 3rd June 1928
as the
Kodak Fellowship Rambling Club

RULES
AMENDED 2022

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RULES

NAME

1. The Club shall be called "Whitehaven Rambling Club", herein after called "The Club".

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the Club shall be to encourage rambling and amateur photography and to create a closer fellowship between the amateur photographers and all lovers of the countryside. To uphold the objects of the Rambler's Association which are:

To protect and preserve from ruthless destruction all wild flowers, trees and plants, birds and animal life.

To close gates, keep to footpaths in cultivated land, and to keep open rights of way.

To prevent rowdyism and damage to crops and property.

To keep the countryside free from litter and fell fires.

To discourage the erection of objectionable signs, hoardings and buildings in picturesque places.

To foster the spirit of fellowship between all wayfarers, irrespective of class or creed.

CONSTITUTION

3. The Club shall be governed by a Council consisting of Officers and Committee elected at an Annual General Meeting, with power to add to their number or fill any vacancies which may occur during the year.

(a) THE OFFICERS shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer.

(b) THE COMMITTEE shall consist of eight members.

4. Nominations for the Council shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(a) Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election without nomination.

(b) Officers wishing to resign their honorary post in the Club shall give one month's notice in writing to the Council.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

5. (a) Life Membership of the Club shall be granted automatically to any member who has completed fifteen years service as an officer of the Club.

(b) Life Membership of the Club shall be granted automatically to any member who has completed twenty years service as a member of the Club Council.

(c) Life Membership of the Club may be granted to any member considered to have rendered valuable service to the Club. Nominations in writing, signed and seconded by Club members, must reach the Secretary not later than 1st September, and be approved by a majority of two-thirds of those present at the next Annual General Meeting.

(d) A Life Member will be granted full membership rights but not the automatic right to a place on the Club Council; this does not preclude the member from any Club appointments.

MEETINGS

6. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club shall be held in October, when the Council for the ensuing year shall be elected and other business transacted as is usual at such meetings.

(a) THE COUNCIL shall meet on the second Monday in the month, provided that this date may be varied with the consent of the Council at a previous meeting.

(b) At any meeting of the Council, five members thereof shall form a quorum.

(c) AN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF President, Secretary and Treasurer, has power to meet to deal with urgent business matters, submitting same to the next meeting of the Council.

(d) A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING may be convened by the Council, or on request in writing signed by not less than ten members providing twenty-one clear days' notice is given to the Secretary. Only the special business, which must be stated in the request, shall be transacted at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION

7. Full written application for membership must be made on the official form. The application, with the subscription, to be forwarded to the Membership Secretary.

8. The Club year shall be from 1st October to 30th September.

(a) THE SUBSCRIPTION payable on admission into membership shall be the appropriate amount payable in that year. Renewals of annual subscription due on or after the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Anyone whose subscription has not been renewed by 31st December shall not receive further bulletins until subscriptions are paid.

(c) After attending two Rambles, membership will be necessary.

BULLETIN

9. A Quarterly Bulletin, giving matters of general interest, shall be issued to each member.

FINANCE

10. A Yearly Balance Sheet shall be prepared by the Treasurer and included in the Bulletin.

(a) A Special Meeting can be called by the Committee if it is felt that the Club's finances need to be discussed by the Club members.

CLUB PROPERTY & LEGAL AFFAIRS

11. All property of the Club shall be vested in the Club Council. Legal proceedings of any kind (either prosecute or defend) the Club Council have the power to prosecute or defend such proceedings in the name and behalf of the Club. The Council Members shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Club and in respect of any expenses that they might rightly occur.

RAMBLES

12. Rambles are arranged primarily for members, but friends and visitors will be made welcome. The Club reserves the right to restrict the number of non-members on any one ramble.

13. A LEADER to take full charge shall be appointed for each ramble.

(a) ALL RAMBLES are held wet or fine unless cancelled by the leader, who has the power to alter, if necessary, any route without previous notice.

14. Members should be at the starting point five minutes before the stated start time, to ensure a prompt start. The Club shall understand that any members not present at the starting time, unless otherwise stated are not joining the ramble.

15. All members must remain with the party throughout the ramble, unless special leave be obtained from the leader. Members are expected to keep the pace set by the leader.

16. Members found guilty of any breach of these rules shall be liable to expulsion from the Club at the Council's discretion. No member shall be allowed on a ramble until all dues are paid.

17. All dogs must be on a fixed short lead at all times and must not cause a problem to other members of the group.

18. Complaints, suggestions, etc. must be made in writing only, and sent to the Secretary to be submitted to the Council.

19. For the purpose of Rules 11 to 17, and for no other, all who book for a Ramble shall be regarded as a member.

SMOKING

20. There is a 'NO SMOKING' policy at all Wednesday evening Social Events.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

21. People who participate in Club activities DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. The Committee cannot accept any responsibility for accidents and or damage whatsoever caused other for personal injury caused by negligence. You may wish to take personal insurance to cover any accident you may have.

ALTERATION OF RULES

These Rules may only be altered by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present at any General Meeting. Twenty-one days' notice shall be given in writing to the Secretary of any such resolution, which shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting.

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