

## Eildon Singers

### Constitution

1. **NAME.** The name of the choir will be the Eildon Singers, hereinafter referred to as “the choir”.
2. **OBJECTS.** The objects of the choir shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of choral music in all its aspects, by the presentation of concerts, and by such other ways as the choir through its Committee shall determine from time to time.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Application for membership of the choir shall be considered by the Committee. Admission to, and renewal of membership may be subject to provision of such evidence of musical ability as the Committee require. In the event of an imbalance of sections, the Committee may defer admission of an applicant until such time as a vacancy occurs in the appropriate section.
4. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.** (a) The management of the choir shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and four other members. The officers and other Committee members shall be elected each year, by and out of choir members at the AGM. The President shall hold office for two years, with the option of serving for one more year, the Vice-President to serve for one year or two years if required. The other officers and Committee members shall be eligible for re-election but Committee members (b) shall not hold office continuously for more than two years. (c) In the event of a vacancy arising, the Committee may co-opt a replacement to serve until the next election.
5. **FINANCE.** (a) The Financial year shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. (b)( i )Bank accounts will be opened in the name of the choir. ( ii.) Cheques shall be signed by two members of the choir. (iii) In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Charity’s nominated bank and the Business Bank Account held, duly modified account signing rules will operate to expedite day to day transactions in the ordinary course of internet banking business. By annual resolution, the Committee will authorise that the bank act on the instructions of one authorised signature solely for this purpose. The authorised signature shall be that of the Treasurer appointed to serve at the AGM for the ensuing year. For the purpose of internal control of the management of funds, during each financial year, the Committee will pay regard to monthly bank statements including books and records to support the banking of receipts and payments made in the name of the Charity by the Treasurer. Periodic confirmation by the Secretary of balances held on the bank account. (c) The choir may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public. (d) The income and property of the choir whencesoever derived shall be solely towards promoting the objects of the choir as set forth above, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the choir except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the choir. (e ) The rate of annual subscriptions will be fixed at the A.G.M. Annual subscriptions shall be payable by the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Any new member joining the choir after 31<sup>st</sup> December shall pay half the annual subscription. (f) The financial accounts shall be examined and submitted to the members at the A.G.M.
6. **GENERAL MEETING** (a) The A.G.M. shall be held no later than the last rehearsal in September. Decisions at the meeting shall be made by a majority vote of the members

present. (b) The Committee may, or upon notification signed by 10 members stating their reason, call an Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

7. AMENDMENTS. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual or Extra-ordinary general meeting, provided 14 days notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and providing that nothing therein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the choir ceasing to be a charity.
8. DISSOLUTION. In the event of the choir being wound up, any assets remaining upon dissolution after payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the choir.

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