

Wolverhampton Archaeology Group

Constitution

1. **Name:** The name of the Society shall be: "The Wolverhampton Archaeology Group".
2. **Aims:** The Group's aims shall be:
 - To promote the practice and appreciation of archaeology in and around the City of Wolverhampton.
 - To undertake field archaeology projects under the supervision of a qualified archaeologist.
 - To provide a forum for those who are undertaking, or have completed, a field archaeology course so they can use and improve their archaeological skills.
3. **Membership:** Membership of the Group shall be extended to all members of the public who have an interest in archaeology. There shall be an annual fee for membership, which shall be fixed by the Committee. The Committee shall have the right to offer honorary membership (free) and life membership (for a fee). It shall not refuse an application for membership on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or political views. It may, however, expel any member for behaviour likely to bring the Group into disrepute. All members shall have full voting rights at Society meetings.
4. **Meetings:** Ordinary Meetings shall be held monthly throughout the year, except for August.
5. **AGM:** The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held each year in April.
6. **Elections:** The Committee shall be elected at the AGM. Nominations for the Committee must be submitted to the Secretary at least three full working days before the AGM. Any member of the Society may be nominated for any Committee post by two other members of the Society. Votes shall be counted by two persons, chosen at the AGM and who are not candidates for Committee posts. The election and count shall be conducted using the Single Transferable Vote system. The Committee may at its discretion co-opt additional Committee members to itself where it perceives the need, or to fill vacancies that may arise.
7. **Committee:** The Committee shall consist of: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer/s, Webmaster and other co-opted members, whose responsibilities shall be the day-to-day running of the Society.
8. **Amendments:** Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any four members of the Society, and must be submitted to the Secretary in writing. This Constitution may only be amended at an AGM, or a meeting specially called for the purpose.
9. **Quorum:** No vote on a constitution amendment shall be valid unless at least one quarter of the Society's membership is present at the meeting
10. **Winding up:** Equipment shall be offered to other archaeological groups and any proceeds from its sale and other monetary assets of the Society shall be distributed equally to paid up members.