

The Friends of St. Andrew's Stapleford

RULES

1. The name of the society shall be **The Friends of St. Andrew's Church Stapleford** (hereinafter described as "the society").
2. The objects of the society shall be to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve and reconstruct for the benefit of the public the fabric of the church of St. Andrew's Stapleford, its fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels.
3. Powers. In the furtherance of these objects but not further or otherwise, the society
 - (a) may obtain, collect, and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, subscriptions, covenants, legacies, grants and appeals or by application to any person, persons, body or organisations,
 - (b) may accept and receive gifts of property of any description for or towards the objects of the society or any of them (whether subject to any special trusts or not),
 - (c) subject to such consents as may from time to time be required by law, may borrow money or enter into other contracts charging all or any of the property of the society, provided that the society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary charitable objects,
 - (d) may do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.
4. The management of the society shall be in the hands of a committee appointed as follows:
 - (a) Six members appointed by the inaugural meeting of the society for a term of one, two or three years, two of whom are to retire by rotation and shall be replaced or re-elected at each annual meeting of the society (but no person may serve more than two consecutive terms on the committee). At annual meetings after the inaugural meeting elections shall be for a term of approximately three years.
 - (b) The vicar and both churchwardens of St. Andrew's Stapleford to be **ex-officio** members of the committee in addition to the six appointed members.
 - (c) The committee will have the power to co-opt as required. Co-opted members shall serve until the next annual meeting of the society.

The committee shall appoint annually from among its number a chairman, a treasurer and a secretary. The quorum of the committee shall be four members.
5. Membership of the society. Any person interested in the objects of the society who has paid an annual member's subscription of at least £5 shall be eligible to be a member of the society. Any member who has not attained the age of 18 years shall not be eligible to vote at meetings, for election to office or for election to the committee. Life membership may be granted by the committee if they consider such action appropriate. Membership of the society may be extended to any corporate body, partnership, self-employed business person, club or society who pays an annual subscription of at least £25.
6. The annual general meeting at which, inter alia, audited accounts for the previous financial year shall be presented by the committee, shall be held between 1st April and 30th

November each year. The committee may convene special meetings and shall be required to convene such a meeting upon request from not less than six members who shall state the business to be considered at the meeting. Not less than 14 days' notice of all meetings shall be given. Members living more than six miles from St. Andrew's Stapleford church shall be notified of annual and special general meetings by post.

7. The chairman of the committee shall act as chairman of the annual general meeting or any other special meeting. Subject to paragraph 5 above, every member, including the chairman, shall have one vote and, in the case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The quorum at any general meeting of the society (except meetings of the committee) shall be 10 members.
8. The committee shall, with such consent as required by law, deal with the property vested in the society by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise, howsoever directed by the society. A certificate purporting to be signed by two members of the committee of the society for the time being, in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee or grantee, shall be conclusive evidence that such a direction was duly given.
9. The incumbent, churchwardens and parochial church council of St. Andrew's Stapleford shall retain all their rights and all ecclesiastical law continues to apply to the church.
10. These rules may be varied, deleted or added to by a resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of the membership of the society present in person or by proxy at a special general meeting convened for that purpose and of which notice has been served upon every member of the society in accordance with clause 6 provided that no amendment to clauses 2, 9, 11, 12, or this clause shall be made without the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales and no alteration shall be made which would cause the society to cease to be a charity at law.
11. The financial year of the society shall be the period 1 April to 31 March in each year.
12. The dissolution of the society may be effected only by a resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of the members present in person or by proxy at a special general meeting convened for that purpose and of which notice has been served on every then member of the society at his last address. If a motion to dissolve the society is carried by the said majority, the society's surplus funds, property and assets (if any) shall not be distributable among the membership but shall be transferred to some or all of the objects of the society, as the society may with the approval of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction determine.
13. Any bank account shall be opened in the name of the society and all cheques and other documents relating thereto shall require the signature of two members of the committee, of whom one shall be the treasurer.

NOTES

These rules were adopted by formal resolution at the inaugural meeting of the society held on 30 June 1995 at the Johnson Memorial Hall, Stapleford.

Approved changes: 12 May 2000 (Clause 5 modified); 11 May 2001 (Clauses 4(a), 5 and 6 modified).