



Land's End John O' Groats Association Constitution

1. Definition. The Association shall be known as **The Land's End – John o'Groats Association.** ('the Association').

2. Aims and Objectives. The aims and objectives of the Association shall be to support and from time to time to assist with or organise attempts by the public and/or Members of the Association (as hereinafter defined) to make a continuous journey from Land's End to John O'Groats (or *vice versa* or in both directions) in compliance with the law and all other statutory provisions by whatsoever means for social or recreational purposes and whether or not in aid of Charity and to maintain authenticated records of all such completed journeys. The Committee (as hereinafter defined) may in its absolute discretion determine what constitutes a continuous journey and for this purpose consideration shall be given to the applicant's mode of travel, his intent and any special circumstances that are relevant.

3. Membership.

A. Members of the Association shall comprise – (a) Full Members, (b) Family Members, (c) Joint Members, (d) Corporate Members, (e) Junior Members, (f) Associate Members, (g) Honorary Members, -, **e-members(h)** and (i) Friends.

(a) Full Members are persons aged 18 or over who have successfully completed a continuous journey subject to the production of authenticated records to the satisfaction of the Membership Secretary or, if **deemed** necessary, the Committee.

(b) Family Members are persons comprising a family of not more than two adults and all children not exceeding the age of 17 years who have successfully completed a continuous journey subject as aforesaid.

(c) Joint Members are two persons aged 18 or over living at the same address who have both successfully completed a continuous journey subject as aforesaid.

(d) Corporate Members comprise limited companies in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the Association.

(e) Junior Members are persons not over the age of 17 years at the date of application for membership who have successfully completed a continuous journey subject as aforesaid.

(f) Associate Members are persons who intend to make a continuous journey subject as aforesaid within a period acceptable to the Membership Secretary, or, if he deems necessary, the Committee.

(g) Honorary Members are all persons who in the absolute discretion of the Committee are deemed to have given exceptional service to the Association and recommended to an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting for election. It is not a condition of this award that an Honorary Member has made a continuous journey as defined in section 2 hereof.

(h) e-members are those who opt to receive all communications electronically

(i) Friends are all persons in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the Association but not eligible for membership under any other class.

B. Privileges of Members.

Members of all classes shall be entitled to:

(i) a copy of each issue of Quo Vadis? – the magazine of the Association, (limited to one copy per household in the case of Family & Joint Members)

(ii) a membership card

(iii) a copy of the constitution

(iv) an invitation to attend the Association's functions

(v) purchase any item of the Association's merchandise (except clothing in the case of Corporate Members, Associate Members and Friends)



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- (vi) attend an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting (excepting any Member whose subscription is one month or more in arrears).
- (vii) **E-membership is available for all classes of membership .E-members receive all communications, including QUO VADIS?, ,electronically, with no entitlement to receive them in physical or other hard copy form.**

Members of all classes (other than Associate Members, Honorary Members and Friends) shall be entitled to:

- (i) a certificate to commemorate the journey
- (ii) eligibility for an award of one of the Association's cups or trophies
- (iii) a membership list, subject to agreement to waive the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 or any subsequent updating legislation.
- (iv) vote at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting (excepting any Member whose subscription is one month or more in arrears), a Corporate Member being entitled to one vote by its duly appointed representative provided that such representative has successfully completed a continuous journey subject as aforesaid.

Corporate Members shall be entitled to a half page advertisement in Quo Vadis? throughout their membership.

C. Joining fee and Subscriptions.

On application to become a member of any class (other than Honorary) an annual subscription for the appropriate class in accordance with the terms fixed by the Association from time to time. If at any time the amount of the annual subscription of any or all classes of membership shall be increased and notice of such increase has been given to the membership by way of formal notice in Quo Vadis? any Member so affected by such increase shall pay his subscription at the new rate on the next renewal date. If he fails to do so and continues payment by whatever means at the old rate, he shall immediately cease to be a Member and such payment shall be deemed to be a donation to the Association and in no circumstances shall be refunded to the lapsed Member who shall no longer be entitled to any of the Members' privileges.

D. Resignation of membership.

Any Member who may desire to resign shall give notice in writing to the Membership Secretary and upon receipt of such notice his name shall be removed from the register of Members and in no circumstances will a Member be entitled to any refund of his subscription or any part thereof.

E. Lapse of membership.

Any Member who fails to notify the Membership Secretary of a change of address and/or telephone number and/or e-mail address thereby rendering contact impossible and who pays his subscription or part thereof shall be deemed to be a lapsed Member and his name shall be removed from the register of members and no part of such payment shall be refunded.

4. Annual General Meeting.

- (a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held not later than the 31st of March each year.
- (b) An AGM shall appoint a Committee to manage the Association. It shall comprise a Chairman, Treasurer, **Social** Secretary, Membership Secretary, **Magazine Editor, Route Advisor and Website Officer** and not more than **five** other Members all of whom must be Full, Family, Joint or Junior Members
- (c) **The Committee, by a simple majority, also have the power to Co-opt eligible members, to a maximum of three..**



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- (d) Before the Annual General Meeting the aforesaid Officers shall present reports to the Meeting referring to the proceedings of the previous calendar year and the Treasurer's report shall contain an audited statement of accounts and the Association's financial transactions during the previous year ended 31st March
- (e) An AGM shall have power to appoint a President and Vice President(s) who have been Members of the Association for at least five years prior to appointment and who are deemed to have given notable service to the Association. If a President or Vice President ceases to be a Member of the Association he will immediately cease to be a President or Vice President as the case may be. The appointment of a President shall be for a term of three years terminating at the triennial AGM.
- (f) A President and Vice President(s) are entitled to attend committee meetings but may not be committee members and are not entitled to vote at such meetings.
- (g) A President and Vice President(s) are entitled to attend the AGM and any Extraordinary General Meeting and to vote at such meetings.

5. Extraordinary General Meeting.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Association may be requested by any ten members to discuss a resolution deemed to be in the interests of the Association. Such resolution must be clearly stated with the submitted request which must be sent to the Secretary. An EGM shall be convened for a date not more than six weeks from receipt by the Secretary of the resolution. A quorum for an EGM is ten persons.

6. General.

- (a) The provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect unless varied by a resolution proposed and seconded by Members and passed by a simple majority of votes either at an AGM or an EGM (for both of which 14 days written notice shall be given to Members of all classes either by ordinary post or e-mail). In either case details of the resolution shall be given with such notice of the meeting. In the event of a tie in the number of votes cast the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- (b) The Committee shall meet for the purpose of managing the Association and a quorum shall comprise five committee members. **Such a meeting may be by electronic means or any other method deemed by the Committee to be effective and appropriate.** A minimum of fourteen days' notice of a meeting shall be given to all committee members and the President and Vice President(s).
- (c) The Committee shall in its absolute discretion be entitled to do or carry out all acts and things which in good faith it considers to be in the best interests of the Association, including, but not limited to, expulsion of a Member for conduct considered to be incompatible with the aims and ideals of the Association, determining how money raised directly by the Association for charitable purposes be distributed, appointing or changing the Association's bankers or auditors from time to time, keeping records and minutes of all meetings and dealings and transactions it conducts, maintaining a register of Members of all classes and their addresses, reviewing annually the levels of subscriptions of all classes of membership and if considered appropriate recommending change(s) for approval at the next AGM and organising an annual event at which certificates and trophies will be presented to those Members who are eligible for an award.
- (d) The members of the Committee from time to time shall not be liable either jointly or severally for any act or omission to or by any Member or other person engaged in a journey by whatever means from Land's End to John o'Groats (or *vice versa*) or other social activity of the Association which results in loss, damage, injury or death to that Member or other person, or for any criminal activity.

7. In this Constitution where the context so admits the masculine gender shall be deemed to incorporate the feminine gender and/or the neuter gender and the singular shall include the plural and *vice versa*.

8. This Constitution is made the 20th day of March 2004 (as amended on the 21st January 2006 **and further amended on the 24th January 2010, 31st January 2015, 28th January 2016 and 28th January 2018**) and revokes the previous Constitution which shall no longer have any force or effect.

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