

CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH GOSFORTH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1. NAME

The name of the Association is SOUTH GOSFORTH RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION (SGRA).

The area of benefit is:-

Bowes Court Bowes Terrace Bowsden Court Clarence Place Gosforth Terrace Haddricks Mill Court Hunters Court Hunters Road Percy Terrace Ridgewood Crescent	Ridgewood Gardens Ridgewood Villas Rows Terrace Station Road William Street Field Street Audley Road Balmoral Terrace Windsor Terrace Sandringham Road
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However, if the area to be covered becomes too large then the group would look to appoint a Sub Committee to assist in covering the expanded areas.

2. AIM

The aim of the Association is to assist residents to maintain and improve the quality of the local environment and to empower them in dealing with statutory and other relevant authorities as members of the Association.

3. POWERS

In order to achieve its aim the Association has power to:-

- a. Co-operate with other organisation such as voluntary bodies, charities and the statutory authorities and also to exchange information and advice with them.
- b. Raise funds by any lawful means.
- c. Accept gifts for purposes connected with the aim.
- d. Do anything else within the law that is necessary in carrying out the aim.

4. MEMBERSHIP

All persons above the age of 16 and are resident in the area of benefit are members of the Association.

4a. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

South Gosforth Residents' Association wishes to reflect the diversity of our community and will not discriminate against anyone on the grounds of race, religion, age, gender, disability, income, sexual orientation or political opinion.

We aim to make meetings accessible where everyone feels welcome and safe and will try to overcome any obstacles to people giving their views or getting involved. We will challenge any remarks or behaviour that cause offence or make someone feel unwelcome.

The association will take positive action to reach those people who are under represented at meetings or events. All members are responsible for helping the association to achieve equal opportunities.

5. MEMBERS MEETINGS

- a. An Annual General Meeting of which 14 days public notice shall be given shall be held in each calendar year with the following business:-
 - i. Receive the Committee's report and accounts for the previous year.
 - ii. Elect the Committee for the following year.
 - iii. Deal with any other matters which the Committee members wish to raise.
- b. A Special General Meeting of all members may be held at any time if called by the Committee or at least 6 members ask the Committee to call such a meeting.
- c. The Chairperson of the Committee or in their absence the Vice-Chairperson takes the chair at General Meetings.

6. THE COMMITTEE

- a. The Committee is the body responsible for the management of the Association. It will meet as required by not less than twice each year.
- b. The Committee will consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of 15 members of the Association.

- c. The Members of the Committee are elected annually at the AGM and will hold office until the end of the AGM of the following year.
- d. At the first meeting of the Committee in every year the members will appoint from among themselves a Chairperson, a Treasurer and such other honorary offices as they think fit.
- e. The Treasurer has the dual role of Vice Chairperson.
- f. A member of the Committee must give the Chairperson a written note of their intention to resign.
- g. If anyone resigns from the Committee during the year, the Committee has the power to fill the vacancy by co-option; a co-opted member will hold office for the same period as the committee member replaced.
- h. The Committee may appoint sub-committees from among members of the Association to carry out specific tasks and report back to the Committee.
- i. The Committee must keep minutes of its meetings and proceedings and keep safe all records relating to the Association.

7. QUORUM

- a. No decision may be taken at Committee meetings unless at least 5 members are present.
- b. No decision may be made at a General Meeting unless at least 9 members are present. If 9 people are not present then the meeting may be adjourned for at least 14 days and whatever number at the next meeting shall constitute a quorum.

8. VOTING

Every question at General Meetings or Committee Meetings is decided by a majority of the votes cast by the members present. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting has a second or casting vote.

9. FINANCE

- a. All funds belonging to or raised for the Association must be paid directly into an account operated by and in the name of the Association at a bank or building society.
- b. All funds drawn on the account must be signed by at least 2 members of the Committee.

- c. All funds belonging to the Association must only be used in furthering its aim.

10. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at a General Meeting if agreed by at least two thirds of the members present.

11. DISSOLUTION

- a. If the Committee decides at any time that it is necessary to dissolve the Association, it shall call a meeting of all members.

- b. If at least 9 members of the Association vote in favour of dissolving the Association, the Committee shall have the power to wind up the affairs of the Association.

- c. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to one or a number of voluntary organisations or registered charities with charitable aims similar to those of the Association.

12. ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution was adopted at a General Meeting held on:-

Date:

Signed:

Chair of the Meeting:

Secretary of the Meeting: