



Ringwood Art Society Rules

The name of the Society shall be Ringwood Art Society and membership will be restricted to members of Greyfriars Ringwood Community Association.

Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be:

1. To provide opportunities for members to extend their knowledge and interest in art generally.
2. To provide a convenient means for all members to exhibit and sell their own original work.
3. To stimulate an interest in art amongst members of the public.

1. Membership

- a. Members may enjoy full participation in the Society activities including the right to submit original work to exhibitions according to the exhibition rules of the Society.
- b. Members shall pay an annual subscription, the sum to be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year. Subscriptions are due at the AGM and any member who has **not** renewed by 31st December will automatically lose their membership **and will be subject to additionally paying the enrolment fee.**
- c. **New members will be subject to an enrolment fee.**
- d. **New Members joining after September will have the following year included in their subscription**

Honorary Membership

- a. The Committee shall have the power to award Honorary Membership to anyone in appreciation for exceptional help to the Society.
- b. Honorary Members shall have free membership of the Society for their lifetime but must still retain their membership of Greyfriars

Friend of the Society

- a. The Committee may nominate an individual or a group as a Friend of the Society.
- b. Friends of the Society will not have any membership rights but will receive the society newsletter for information purposes only.

2. Management of the Club

- a. The members shall elect annually a committee to run the Society business. The committee shall include the following officers: a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and eight further Committee Members.
- b. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt replacement and/or additional committee members as necessary to maintain numbers throughout the year.
- c. The Committee shall have the power to form sub-committees for specific tasks to be reported back to the full Committee.
- d. The quorum shall be not less than three for a Committee meeting and eight members for a General meeting.
- e. The financial year of the Society shall run from 1 October of one year to 30th. September the following year.

3. General Meetings

- a. The Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting in November each year.
- b. The Secretary shall give at least twenty-one clear days' notice of any General Meeting.

- c. Nominations for Officers and Committee Members should be submitted, with names of Proposer and Seconder, to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time or on receiving a request signed by more than one third of the Membership of the Society to do so.
- e. The Committee shall submit to the Annual General Meeting:
 - I. A report on the annual activities of the Society.
 - II. The audited accounts of the Society.
 - III. Nominations from Members for election of Officers, Committee Members and Auditor.
 - IV. Any proposed changes to the society rules or annual subscription fee.

4. Finance

- a. The Society shall have two accounts:
 - I. A current Account, which will require either the Treasurer or Chairman to authorize payment.
 - II. A ~~Post Office~~ Savings Account, which will require both the Treasurer and Chairman to authorise withdrawal of funds, after minuted agreement at committee. The savings account should be maintained at a level which would enable the Society to continue operating for 1 year in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- b. The Treasurer must make the accounts available at each committee meeting for appraisal.
- c. **If** the Society is dissolved the Committee will call an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide on the disposal of the assets.

Dated: November 2022

2011 Update included the following changes, which have now been added to the main text:

Rule 3 o) ii) Add to end.. " And will be subject to additionally paying the Enrolment Fee. ... (Note: £5 for 2017)

Add Rule 3 a) iii) New-members joining after 1st September get the following year included in the subscription"

Add Rule 3 o) iv) New members will be subject to an additional Enrolment Fee.... (Note: £5 for 2017)

Rule 6 o) ii) Delete Ref to Post Office:- A savings account,..... To allow us to select a different type of account and account provider.

2022 update some changes for clarity