

HEBDEN BRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

- 1.Name** The name of the organisation shall be HEBDEN BRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY
- 2.Aims** 1. Hebden Bridge Twinning Society exists to promote and develop social, cultural, educational, recreational, economic and municipal links between Hebden Bridge and District and local communities in other countries. The Society aims to make a positive contribution to the furtherance of peace and understanding between nations and will seek to do this by:-
- a) developing and maintaining friendship between individuals and groups of all ages from Hebden Bridge and other countries
 - b) encouraging visits by individuals and groups to other countries and personal contacts
 - c) engaging in publicity and the furtherance of the exchange of information and knowledge between countries
 - d) supporting and encouraging business and trading initiatives which contribute to the economic development of the district and of the communities with which links have been made
 - e) offering information, advice and assistance to all individuals and groups who are attempting the above
 - f) any other activities which members deem appropriate to the furtherance of the primary objective.
2. Hebden Bridge Twinning Society operates a Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy details of which are contained in a separate document and shall be reviewed annually.
- 3.Finance** The financial year shall end on the last day of December. The Society shall be non-profit making.
- 4.Membership** Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the aims of the Society and include a youth membership category for those between 16 and 23 years of age in full time education, at a membership fee of 50% of the full fee. Other interested associations or organisations may become affiliated on payment of the membership fee as set at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.Meetings** Meetings shall be arranged as necessary. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January or February. Each full member attending shall have the right to vote, and the President shall also have a casting vote. Hebden Royd (replacing Bridge – EGM 11/3/19) Town Council shall be entitled to send up to four named delegates to meetings, only one of whom shall be entitled to vote. Blackshaw, Erringden, Heptonstall, and Wadsworth Parish Councils shall be entitled to send one named voting delegate each to meetings. Up to two representatives of affiliated members may attend meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the President at the written request of ten or more members. Notice of an E G M shall be circulated to Officers and Members not less than ten days before the meeting.
- A quorum at the A G M or an E G M shall consist of ten members. At all other meetings a quorum shall be seven members.
- 6.Officers** The offices of President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Twin Links Committee Representative and any other Officer with specific responsibility who may be required from time to time (replacing Social Secretary – EGM 11/3/19) shall be elected at the A G M.
- 7.Committee** The executive committee shall consist of the Officers and Members co-opted for an express purpose.
- 8.Amendments** Amendments to the Constitution may be made at the A G M or at an E G M by a majority of not less than two thirds of those present. Notice of proposed amendments shall be circulated to all Officers and Members not less than ten days before the general meeting.
- 9.Dissolution** In the event of the Society winding up any property or money remaining after all liabilities have been settled shall be applied to some organization whose aims correspond with those of the Society.