

EAST RIDING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Registered Charity No. 500878

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ERAS - CONSTITUTION

1. **TITLE** The society shall be called the East Riding Archaeological Society.

2. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Society shall be to promote the study of archaeology in general and the preservation, investigation, surveying, excavation and restoration of antiquities in the East Riding in particular, and in furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, to:

- (a) Hold meetings during the winter months at which papers of general archaeological interest will be given.
- (b) Prepare and publish papers embodying original work on the archaeology of the region.
- (c) Undertake fieldwork survey and/or excavations and report the results and collect and preserve in the museums of the region, objects of archaeological or historical interest.
- (d) Collaborate with national or local bodies in order to further these aims and objects.
- (e) Comply with standard practice and procedures and demonstrate good governance in relation to Charity Regulations Compliance.
- (f) Promote interest in archaeology by means of community outreach events/projects.

3. **TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be three classes of members, viz:

Single members, Family members and Student members.

Subscriptions as from time to time determined by resolution of the Society at an A.G.M. or Special Meeting, shall be payable in advance on 1st of January each year. **Single members** paying their subscriptions shall receive free of charge notices of meetings and any publications issued by the Society. Members of any one family permanently residing at the same address may join the Society as **Family members** and pay a combined subscription, and shall receive only one copy of any Society publication or notice of meetings. Persons under 18 years of age or in full-time attendance at Colleges or Universities may join the Society as **Student members** at a reduced rate of subscription but otherwise shall enjoy the full privileges of membership.

New members may be admitted to the Society on payment of the appropriate subscription. Any member whose subscription is three months in arrears shall be notified by the Hon. Treasurer and if the subscription remains unpaid one month after said notification, shall cease to be a member until the same shall have been paid.

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NOTE

Any member, who, for personal profit and without adequate record of provenance made freely available engages in the search for, removal of, collection or sale of objects of archaeological or historical interest from sites, previously known or unknown, shall be deemed to be acting against the interests of the Society and in contravention of its constitution.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- The Officers of the Society shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Programme Secretary, Hon. Editor, Marketing and Social Media Officer, Field Studies Officer and Records Officer. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers and five elected Ordinary Members. A quorum shall be formed from any two of either, Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and any 3 other elected committee members. Minutes of all committee meetings shall be made and retained.
- Where reasonably practicable no officer shall hold more than one office.

The Chair shall serve for three years, the other Officers and Committee being elected annually. Ordinary members of the Committee shall retire after four years of service and shall not be immediately available for re-election.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt up to two additional members; their tenure will be for up to one year. To further any of the aims of the Society, the Committee may appoint sub-committees with power to co-opt other members of the Society and may also appoint representatives. Any sub-committees and their co-opted members and representatives will have tenure for up to one year.

5. ANNUAL MEETING

- (a) An Annual Meeting shall be held each year for the adoption of a Report and Financial Statement, the election of Officers, Committee, Hon. Auditor, and for other business. Nominations for office must be sent to the Hon. Secretary not less than ten days before the meeting.
- (b) For the furtherance of any of the aims and objects of the Society, the Annual Meeting may form Sections, with or without a separate subscription, and may admit to such Sections persons who are not members of the Society.
- (c) A record shall be made and retained of the number and names of all members attending the Annual Meeting.
- (d) Minutes of the Annual meeting shall be made and retained.

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6. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A Special Meeting of members may be convened by the Committee, or shall be called by the Hon. Secretary on the requisition in writing of 12 members who shall state the objects for which such a Special Meeting is to be called.

7. ALTERATION OF RULES

No part of the Constitution or Rules of the Society shall be altered except at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, and no such alteration shall be made to Rules 2, 7 and 9 which would have the effect of making the Society non-charitable at law. One month's notice of any proposed alteration must be sent in writing to every member of the Society.

8. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The Committee shall have power to act in any matter affecting the interests of the Society when the rules are silent thereon and in cases of dispute they shall be empowered to interpret and determine the meaning of any rule.

9. DISSOLUTION

The Society shall only be dissolved by vote of an Annual or Special Meeting convened for that purpose, or when there remains not more than ten subscribing members. In the event of dissolution, after meeting liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the aims and interests of the Society.

10. TRUSTEES

- There will be six ERAS trustees who shall be elected annually.
- The trustees shall hold at least one trustee meeting each year.
- Minutes of the meetings shall be made and retained.
- The trustees will be; Chair, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and any three other elected committee members.
- A minimum of four trustees, which must include any two of either Chair, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer will constitute a quorum at a trustees meeting.

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