

THE LANCASHIRE SOCIETY

Founded 26th February 2009

CONSTITUTION

The elected officers of the committee are as follows:

President	Mr Derek Stanton
Chairman	Mr Brian Calderbank
Treasurer	Dr Andrew Hindley
Secretary	Mrs Barbara Hindley
Archivist	Mr Chris Pollington
Publicity	Mr Mark Dowding

The inaugural meeting of the society was held on 26th February 2009.

- 1 Name
The Society, which shall cover Lancashire, shall be called '**The Lancashire Society**'.

- 2 Aims and Objectives
The aim of the society shall be to promote an awareness of the heritage of Lancashire.
The Lancashire Society shall be a not for profit organization.

The objectives of the society shall be:
To record the status quo and the development of social–history, –geography and language, using all current technology available.
To encourage interest in dialect speech in the writing of dialect verse, prose, song and drama.
To stimulate the production of dialect literature.
To study the origin and history of dialect, folk–lore, folk song, folk dance, local customs and traditions.
To share inclusively with the community a common interest in these issues.

- 3 Membership
Membership application shall be open to all. Members will be kept informed of events via a newsletter to which they may contribute. All members' data will be kept strictly within the bounds of the Data Protection Act.

- 4 Management
A committee of not less than four and not more than ten members shall govern the society.

- 5 Annual Meeting
The committee shall summon an Annual Meeting during the first week in March. An Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be submitted and election of Officers and committee will take place.

- 6 Officers
There shall be a President, Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer plus others deemed necessary by the committee.

- 7 Notice of Annual Meeting
Members shall be informed of the Annual Meeting via the society's web page. Voting shall be by a show of hands. The Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote

- 8 Quorum
Eight members shall form a quorum at the Annual Meeting.
- 9 Record of Minutes
All resolutions and minutes of the Annual Meeting and committee meetings shall be documented by the secretary, confirmed as correct, and signed by the Chairman at the following meeting.
- 10 Termination of Membership
Members shall inform the committee if they no longer wish to be members. They will be removed from the mailing list and their details destroyed.
- 11 Group Assets
All assets of the organisation can be used only for the furtherance of the Group's objectives and no part of the income or property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or other distribution to the members of the Group
- 12 Termination of Society
In the event of the termination of the society, after its liabilities and debts have been satisfied, any remaining assets shall be donated to a group or charity with similar interests to those of the Lancashire Society.
- 13 Amendments
This constitution may be amended at a Special or Annual General Meeting, provided members are given one month's notice.
- 14 Adoption
This constitution was adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 17th March 2009 at Dressers Arms, 9 Briers Brow, Wheelton, Chorley, PR6 8HD