

MARKWICK GARDENS ASSOCIATION RULES

The name of the Association is to be the Markwick Gardens Association.

The Objects of the Association are the upkeep, care and maintenance of the Markwick Gardens for the benefit and enjoyment of all members and their subscription shall be used for that purpose.

Membership is open to all those persons interested in the upkeep of the Gardens who are acceptable to the Association.

Subscriptions shall fall due on the 1st April and are to be paid to the Treasurer no later than the 30th April that year. The amount of the subscription shall be decided at each year's Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall consist of Chairman, Honorary Secretary Membership, Honorary Secretary Correspondence, Honorary Treasurer and such other committee members as the Annual General Meeting may decide. Five shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies.

Meetings - An Annual General Meeting is to be held in order to:

- a. Receive the Chairman's report
- b. Receive the financial report
- c. Elect the Officers and Committee Members for the ensuing year.
- d. Conduct any other business as may be necessary

Revision of Rules - The Association reserves to itself the right to alter or amend, from time to time, the Rules of the Association. This may only be done at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, which may be called by the Secretary at the request of five members of the Association.

Gates - The key code for the gate locks is issued to each member when joining, on payment of a gate lock fee the amount of which to be decided at the AGM. The key code is private to members of the Association and must not be divulged to non-members. The key code is changed periodically, after prior notification to members.

Membership is terminated when a member ceases to pay the subscription. Infringement of the Association's Rules may lead to membership being withdrawn.

Uses of the Gardens - Members are free to enjoy full use of the Gardens subject to the following additional rules:

- a. No person may remove or interfere with the plants, flowers, hedges, soil, compost, tools, fixtures, fittings or other property without the consent of the Association.
- b. No rubbish of any kind may be deposited anywhere in the Gardens.
- c. Dogs using the Gardens shall be first met and approved by a Committee member and then registered. Any unregistered dog, such as a dog accompanying the guest of a member, must be kept on a lead at all times.
- d. Dogs are to be kept under control AT ALL TIMES and are not to be permitted to annoy members or local residents. Loud or prolonged barking is not allowed. Any dog that is known to have attacked another dog must be muzzled and kept on a lead. Dogs in season must not be brought into the Gardens. It is recommended that male dogs that use the Gardens are neutered.
- e. Members with dogs must clean up after their dogs. Dog mess should be placed in the bins provided. No other rubbish may be placed in these bins.
- f. Members' children are allowed access to the Gardens and may bring one other child.
- g. No bicycles or scooters allowed.
- h. Ball games must not be played in or near the rose garden.
- i. Trees are not to be climbed.
- j. Dangerous games (those using air guns, catapults, bows and arrows etc.) are not allowed.
- k. Radios, music players and live music are not allowed, except when functions are held in the Gardens and this with the written permission of the Committee and with the undertaking that the volume will not be such that a nuisance is caused. All such music is to cease by 10pm.
- l. The possession, sale, purchase or use of any drugs controlled under the misuse of drugs legislation is prohibited. Any such illegal activity will be reported to the police.

In the event of the Association being disbanded for any reason, subscriptions will be refunded to paid-up members pro rata. All equipment that is the property of the Association will be sold, the proceeds to be either distributed among the membership or given to an agreed charity. Such decision to be made at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

I have read and understand these rules and agree to abide by them while using the Gardens, as do any and all others included in my subscription.

Signature:

Date:

Full name: