

# CONSTITUTION OF THE CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



## 1 NAME

The name shall be Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (CARS).

## 2 AIMS

The object of the Society shall be to further the interests of the Members in the field of Amateur Radio.

## 3 MEMBERSHIP

The Society shall be open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio. Membership classes:

- a) Ordinary Membership.
- b) Honorary Membership which may be granted to any person who, in the opinion of the Committee has rendered outstanding service to CARS either directly or indirectly.

## 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The financial year of the Society shall run from 1st September to 31st August of the following year.
- b) The Annual Subscription rate shall be that as approved by the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- c) All subscriptions are due immediately following the AGM and must be paid by 1st January. After which, if not paid, the membership will be deemed to have lapsed.
- d) New members joining during the year shall pay a subscription at the Committee's discretion.

## 5 COMMITTEE

- a) The Executive Officers of the Society shall be the Chair, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Membership Secretary and such Committee Members as are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chair is limited to a maximum three-year continuous term, unless agreed at the AGM. Should that person then wish to stand again for Chairman, they can only do so after at least a one-year interval. The total Committee shall not exceed 10 Members.
- b) The minimum quorum for a Committee Meeting is four committee members, including at least one Executive Officer.
- c) The President and Vice-President shall be ex-officio Members of the Committee, but have no committee voting rights
- d) The Chair has the casting vote
- e) Committee minutes are to be kept. These can be viewed by any Society Member on request at any reasonable time.

## 6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held in October each year.
- b) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be convened by the Committee or 20% of Membership of the Society, by lodging a signed petition with the Chair at least 31 days in advance.

## 7 INSURANCE

- a) Organised Society activities shall be covered by limited third party insurance.
- b) The Hon. Treasurer shall maintain the insurance policy which can be viewed by request at any reasonable time.

## 8 WINDING UP THE SOCIETY

- a) The decision to wind up the Society can only be made at an Extraordinary General Meeting proposed for that purpose.
- b) The funds of the Society shall, after the sale of all assets and payment of all outstanding debts, be disposed of to a registered charity as directed by Members at the final EGM, provided that Members do not benefit from such a disposal.

## 9 CONSTITUTION

- a) Constitution amendments may only be agreed at the AGM, or EGM convened for that purpose.
- b) Where the Constitution is silent, the Committee shall have the power to act

This revised Constitution was approved by a majority of the Membership at the AGM on 4th October 2022.