



Rules and Constitution

1. The name of the Choir is “Mid-Norfolk Singers”.
2. The object of the Choir shall be
 - i. to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in the appreciation of the art and science of choral music in all its aspects by presentations of public choral concerts and
 - ii. also making such donations to a local and national charity as a majority of members attending a General Meeting or the Annual General Meeting shall agree.
3. The management of the Choir is vested in a committee consisting of chairman, secretary, treasurer, librarian and six members, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The committee has powers to co-opt members who are empowered to vote. The Musical Director, Assistant Conductor and the Accompanist are all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
 - a. **On appointment, Officers of the committee will automatically be appointed trustees of the charity.**
4. Membership of the Choir shall be open to any interested member of the public who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the committee may require. The committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason; to terminate the membership of any person; to attend and be heard by the committee before the decision is made. The number of rehearsals required before singing in a concert shall be at the discretion of the Musical Director.
5. The subscription shall be determined by a General Meeting of members as required. The subscription is payable in full at the beginning of each term, at the time of the issue of music: there is no refund or reduction of subscription for any reason. The subscription for performing only at the first concert of a term which includes a second concert will be at a reduced figure, determined by General Meeting of members. Full time students in secondary education are exempt from paying a subscription.
6. Members of the Choir will not receive payment directly or indirectly for their services, or for any reason other than legitimate expenses.
7. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Choir, which shall be held in the month of September in each year or as soon as practicable thereafter. The committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting the report and accounts of the Choir for the preceding year.



8. As least fourteen days' notice shall be given before the calling of any General Meeting unless a majority of the member of the Choir agrees to the contrary. Any notice required to be given under this clause shall be sufficiently give if written notice is prominently displayed at two weekly rehearsals to which a member of the committee has drawn attention of them to the members present. The time from which the notice runs shall be the later of such rehearsals.
9. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of twenty members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. If the quorum shall not be present a new meeting shall be called after giving the necessary notice as herein provided. In the event of twenty members not being present within half an hour from the time appointed for the new meeting, the members present shall be the quorum.
10. The financial year of the Choir shall be from the 1st August to the 31st July
11. In the event of dissolution, the remaining funds of the Choir shall be devoted to charitable purposes similar to those of the Choir.
12. Alterations to this constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the constitution must be received by the secretary of the Choir at least twenty-one days before a meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days' notice of such a meeting must include notice of the alteration proposed. No alteration to clause 2 (Objects), 11 (Dissolution), or this clause shall be made without the approval in writing of the Charity Commissions for England and Wales and no alterations shall be made which would cause the Choir to cease to be a Charity at law.
13. No newly elected member of the committee shall **normally** serve in office for longer than three consecutive years, following which that same member will not be eligible for re-election for a period of twelve months. **The retiring chairman will make themselves available to the new Chairman in an advisory role for one year.**

September 15th 2016

Mid Norfolk Singers is a Registered Chairty No. 292257