

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The club will be called the **Lark Angling & Preservation Society** and will be affiliated to the **Angling Trust**.

2. Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To promote good fellowship amongst pleasure anglers.
- To provide sport for its members by acquiring fishing rights from the owners of private waters and landowners adjoining the River Lark.
- By conserving the river environment for future generations.
- Involving the general public where possible in the society's activities and conservation projects.
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in angling to junior members.
- To promote the society within the local community
- To insure a duty of care to all members of the society.
- To provided all its services in a way that is fair and equal to everyone.

3. Membership

To ensure all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Full Coarse member.
- Full Trout member.
- Junior member.
- Consessionary member.

4. Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Executive/Management Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Fees will be paid: annually.

5. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- General Secretary
- Trout Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Youth Development Officer
- Liaison Officer
- Conservation Officer
- Welfare Officer

Officers and committee members will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All officers and committee members will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment. No officer or committee member shall be a serving member on the committee of any other angling society/club within the Lark Valley area or a 25 mile radius of Mildenhall.

6. Committee

The society will be managed through the Committee consisting of:

- OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY and six committee members elected at the last A.G.M. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee. The committee will have power to appoint up to two more co-opted committee members.
- The Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 4 MEETINGS per year. The quorum required for business to be agreed at a Committee meetings will be: 8 members of the committee. The Chairperson having the casting vote.
- The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the society.
- The Officers of the society will have powers to appoint subcommittees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the society's rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

7. Finance

All society's monies will be banked in an accounts held in the name of the society.

The society Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on: DATE. 31 st March

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.

8. Annual General Meetings

Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be given by the society Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGMs will be 20

The Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

9. Discipline and appeals

All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the club's child protection policy and procedures. The club Welfare Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Committee will meet to hear complaints within seven days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within seven days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of an angling club with similar interests.

To be determined at A.G.M./E.G.M. at time of dissolution.

11. Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

12. Society's Waters

The society has acquired fishing rights on such stretches of the River Lark, which are determined by the society's notice boards between Lackford bridge and Prickwillow.

13. Trout Fishing section.

Trout fishing (fly only) is available on the stretch of the River Lark, between Lackford bridge and the Relief Channel at Barton Mills.

For detail of membership of the fly fishing section apply to either the Trout Secretary or General Secretary.

14. The Society's Year

The society's year shall be from 1 st April to 15 th March each year.

15. Alterations to the rules.

The society's rules can only be altered, rescinded or new rules made, by a majority vote of members present at an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. In the event of a 50/50 split, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Notice of such proposed alterations must be given to the General Secretary fourteen

Declaration

Lark Angling & Preservation Society hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Position: Club Chair

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Position: Club Secretary