

AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF  
SCARF NEW FOREST  
(SUPPORTING SPECIAL CHILDREN AND THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1015081

1. The name of the group shall be Scarf, Supporting Children with additional needs, Relatives and Friends, New Forest (hereinafter called the group).
2. The object of the Group shall be the support of children having special needs by the provision of help, care and other facilities for them and their families and carers. For the purposes of this constitution, "special needs" shall mean children whose learning, physical and/or sensory difficulties make it difficult for them to access mainstream provision.
3. Scarf will accept memberships from families living in the area marked on the attached map, provided the group has the capacity to do so. This change will not affect existing members who live outside this area, as long as their membership is renewed each year on a continuous basis. In furtherance of the said objects but not otherwise the committee/trustees shall have the following powers: -
  - (i) To employ and pay any persons to supervise organise and carry on the work authorised by the committee/trustees and as employers of staff to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their widows and other dependents.
  - (ii) To raise funds, invite and receive contributions from any persons or persons whatsoever by way of loan, subscription, donation and otherwise provided that the Group shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said objects.
  - (iii) To co-operate and collaborate with voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in similar charitable fields to exchange information and advice.
  - (iv) To establish and operate both current account and deposit accounts with bankers in the name of the group PROVIDED that cheques drawn on such accounts shall not be less than two committee members/trustees.
  - (v) To purchase take or lease or in exchange hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges necessary for the attainment of the said objects and to construct maintain and alter any buildings or erections so necessary as aforesaid.
  - (vi) To make regulations for the management of any property which may be acquired.
  - (vii) Subject to such consents, as may be required by law, to sell, let, mortgage or dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets as of the Group.

(viii) To invest Group moneys not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments or securities or property as are authorised by the terms of this constitution.

(ix) To arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures / seminars and training courses.

(x) To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

4. The committee/trustees may admit as members any person who is 16 years or over.
5. An annual general meeting of the members of the group shall be held within 3 months of the end of each financial year for the purposes of receiving the annual report of the committee/trustees, considering the prepared accounts and for electing the members of the committee/trustees.
6. The chairperson or the committee/trustees may at their discretion call an ordinary general meeting. The secretary shall call an ordinary general meeting with 14 days of receiving a written request to do so signed by not less than 10 members.
7. At the annual general meeting the members of the group shall appoint a chairperson, treasurer, secretary and such other officers as they may decide. Casual vacancies amongst the officers shall be filled by the committee/trustees until the next annual appointment of officers.
8. The group shall be managed by a committee/trustees elected at the annual general meeting. The committee/trustees may co-opt not more than four persons with special knowledge or experience of families and children with special needs. Co-opted members shall serve for such period as the committee/trustees shall decide and shall be honorary members of the group during the term of the office.
9. (i) The chairperson or person presiding at any meeting shall have a second or casting vote.  
  
(ii) A quorum, at any general meeting of the group shall be five and at any committee/trustees meeting shall be three.  
  
(iii) Any decision or resolution shall be passed by a simple majority.  
  
(iv) The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the group and the committee/trustees.  
  
(v) The financial year shall run from January to December.  
  
(vi) The Treasurer shall keep detailed accounts of the finances of the group.

(vii) Members shall pay such subscriptions as the committee/trustees may decide.

(viii) The committee/trustees shall have power to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by means of contributions, donations, subscriptions, deeds of covenant, legacies, grants or any other lawful method and to accept and receive gifts of property of any description.

(ix) The income and property of the group, where so ever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the group as set out in clause 2 and no payment shall be made to any member or honorary officer except the repayment of bona fide out of pocket expenses.

(x) The income and funds of the group shall be placed in an account in the name of the group, withdrawal of funds from such an account to be upon the joint signatures of 2 of any 3 authorised signatories of the committee/trustees.

10. If the committee/trustees decide that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is desirable that the group should be dissolved, it shall call a special general meeting of the group by giving 22 days' notice in writing to each group member stating the terms of any resolution to be proposed thereat. If decided at the special general meeting by a simple majority of those present and voting that the group should be dissolved, the committee/trustees shall wind up its affairs. Any assets remaining after satisfaction of any liabilities properly payable there out shall not be distributed amongst the members but shall be given to such other charitable organisation or organisations for the benefit of children with special educational needs, or the support of families of such children, as the committee/trustees shall, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners, decide.
11. This constitution may be amended by resolution passed by a simple majority of those present and voting at any general meeting of the group, provided that notice of the meeting in writing stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed thereat, shall have been sent to all members of the club not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting: PROVIDED that no amendment or clause 2 shall be made without approval of the court of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having jurisdiction under the Charities Act 1960.

This amended constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via a ZOOM meeting.

Signed Chair:



Signed Secretary:

