

## **SADDLEWORTH OUTDOOR PURSUIT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

**August 2019, Revised April 2024**

The name of the Association is “ Saddleworth Outdoor Pursuits Association” (hereinafter called “the Association”)

The Saddleworth Outdoor Pursuit Association (SOPA) is the sister association with the Boarshurst Educational Foundation who own the building and land of the Boarshurst Centre, Greenfield, Oldham. SOPA operate the Boarshurst Centre as a residential outdoor pursuits centre.

### **Charity Objectives**

The Association shall provide or assist in the provision of outdoor facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure-time and educational occupation for the inhabitants of the County of Greater Manchester and elsewhere.

To support the above, the Association will run, maintain and facilitate the use of the 32-bed building known as the Boarshurst Centre, in Greenfield.

### **Trustees**

Shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary

Booking Officer

Building Officer

### **Purpose of the Association**

Facilitate use of the Boarshurst Centre

Maintain the building.

Provide and agree regulations for use of the building.

Maintain accounts from funds generated.

Procure contributions to the Association by personal donations or written appeals, or public meetings or otherwise.

Employ and pay any persons to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Association.

Promote the use of the Centre.

## **Membership**

Open to likeminded people who support the Association objectives. These people will be General Committee Members (GCM).

## **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

This meeting will take place once a year. All members will be informed at least one week in advance.

An Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EOGM) can be called by the Chairperson/Secretary who will give two weeks' notice before a meeting.

## **General Committee Meetings (GCM)**

The GCM will take place at least twice a year or as and when is appropriate.

## **Changes to the Constitution**

These must be approved at the AGM or an EOGM. Proposed changes to the constitution must be drawn up and (be) sent to the Chairperson or Secretary in writing at least two weeks before the meeting.

## **Finance**

Accurate accounts will be kept by the Treasurer. Money will reside in the designated Bank in both Current and Deposit accounts.

A statement of accounts will be available at all meetings and annual accounts will be presented at the AGM.

A debit card facility will be in place with two members of the committee having the authority to use it to pay bills.

## **Dissolution**

Should SOPA cease to operate, upon winding up any funds and resources, these will be passed to The Boarshurst Educational Foundation.

**Date of revised Constitution:** - April 2024

Chairperson            *M McLoughlin*

Secretary              *T Baxter*

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