

# THE WOOLTON SOCIETY

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THE WOOLTON SOCIETY - SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 40 YEARS

## NEWSLETTER

### Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the forty third Annual General Meeting of the Woolton Society will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7.30pm at Woolton Village Club, Allerton Road, Woolton Village, Liverpool L25 7RA.

#### Agenda

1. Notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the forty second AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
4. Hon. Treasurer's report.
5. Chairman's remarks.
6. Election of officers:
  - (a) Chairman
  - (b) Vice-Chairman
  - (c) Hon. Secretary
  - (d) Hon. Treasurer
7. Election of members of the executive committee. (Four of the 10-12 members of the executive committee retire each year under Rule 7. Retiring members are eligible for re-election).
8. Constitution of the Woolton Society
9. Any other business.

**Refreshments will follow the AGM.**

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# **Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Woolton Society held at Woolton Village Club, Allerton Road, Woolton on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

## **Attendance:**

**Committee members:** Henry Stott in the chair, Paul Wilkie (Hon. Secretary), Charles Davies (Hon. Treasurer), Jean Davies, Jean Bates, Ann Fearon, Brian Watt, Chris Darnton, Janet Hudson, John Hibbert, Les Baldwin.

**Members:** A Hesketh, I Curran, D Chance, V Hicks, P Bates, A Wilkie, V Stott, R McGorian, S Carmichael, A Lloyd, A Southern, P Baker, H Alty, R Lovering, L Parsons, I Jackson, M Lowe, M McDonald, B Collins, D Massey, L McNamara, I Keane, P Lloyd, A Hicks, D Maguire, J Hollinshead.

The acting chairman welcomed all present and referred them to the meeting documents published in advance in the Society's newsletter No 341, together with the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2014 distributed at the meeting. He asked for a moments silence to remember the work of Edith McGlashan the previous Chairman and two other past officers of the Society, Bea McKenzie and Rex Ayers all of whom died this year. The published agenda was then followed.

**1. Notice convening the meeting.** This was read by the chairman.

**2. Apologies for absence.** Apologies were noted from: Carl Baker, Paul King, John Ashton, Viv Stern, Hilary Rock-Gormley, and Christine Vale

**3. Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and distributed in advance to all members were accepted as a true record, on a show of hands.

## **4. The Hon. Treasurer's report**

The Hon Treasurer Charles Davies presented the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2014 and commented on some items. The accounts showed a pleasing surplus for the year. The accounts approved by the Executive Committee were accepted on a show of hands.

## **5. Chairman's Remarks.**

In lieu of a personal statement the chairman invited other officers of the committee to give a report for their areas of responsibility.

(i) The Hon. Secretary, Paul Wilkie reported that executive committee had met 8 times during the year. In the same period there have been 4 issues of the Society's newsletter, ably edited by Jean Davies. Thanks are due to all involved in production and distribution of the newsletter. Jean Davies also organised another five excellent talks, attracting very good attendances. The website, [www.wooltonsociety.org.uk](http://www.wooltonsociety.org.uk) is attracting a growing number of visitors from across the world – particularly South America for some reason.

Copies of the reprinted "History of Much Woolton" continue to sell well, both from the Farmer's market stall and through Brown's newsagents who have supported the Society by selling this since its original publication. The Society again took part in Heritage Open Day activities with a walk based on one of the "Woolton Walks" originally produced by Janet Gnosspelius led by Charles Davies and Paul Wilkie, and a number of Beatles Walks led by Jean Davies. This year as well as member recruitment, we sold Woolton Society tea towels and copies of the "History of Much Woolton". Sales and recruitment of new members were pleasing. Jean Davies has also organised a stall on a number of occasions at the Saturday market to promote the activities of the Society, which has also seen a number of new members recruited.

This summer the Society organised an evening coach trip around some Liverpool sites of interest. 40 people took part, and feedback on the event was very favourable.

During the course of this year the Society agreed to join both The Open Spaces Society and The Merseyside Civic Society. Membership of both of these organisations will help us in the work of the Society, and meetings of the Merseyside Civic Society are open to all members of our Society.

ii) The Membership Secretary, Jean Bates reported membership for the period rose to 251, the highest for 7 years. Of these, 62 received newsletters by email, 16 by post, and the remainder are hand delivered. In addition a number of members who receive their newsletters by hand have given their email addresses to the Society in order to receive notices, and we would like to increase the number of people who make use of this.

(iii) The Environment Secretary, Chris Darnton spoke on the Liverpool Local Plan which lists all the sites up for development including:

Allerton Towers, Harthill Allotments, Pony Field, Fields of Woolton Woods on High Street, Calder Kids, Miniature Railway.

Although the Woolton Society objects to all this we are only one voice, individuals need to object to council proposals to build over public parks and protected green space.

We have the usual justification from the council that just because these spaces are on the Local Plan it does not mean they will be developed – in that case why list them in the first place?

They argue that it is a government directive that they have to come up with areas for potential development. This is true however, they do not have to list green space and public parks, they can list the countless brown field sites that we have instead.

St Julie's re-development has become an ongoing battle with the council over the use of what they call "5% of the fields on the High Street". There is plenty of room to build the school within their own grounds using part of the wooded area at the back. Despite Joe Anderson promising to look at this option on 10<sup>th</sup> September, nothing had been actioned and they were pushing ahead with their original plans until we involved Maria Eagle. Maria agreed that our proposals were sensible and it is only when she met with the SWW group and council officers that the officers reluctantly agreed to a tree survey. It was agreed that the survey would involve Mersey Forest. The officers have since gone back on this and it was carried out by a contractor involved in the re-build of the school. I think we all know that this report will be nothing but a whitewash, favouring whatever Joe Anderson wishes it to.

The council, under Joe Anderson's instruction are hell bent on taking a piece of Woolton Woods Estate protected green space in order to break a covenant set by the World War I hero who donated the land to the people of Liverpool for recreational purposes.

It is quite clear to everyone that this is to pave the way for the Local Plan, breaking the covenant and then opening up the rest of those two fields to be developed for housing. The council themselves have suggested those two fields as potential areas for residential development. I think the council have underestimated how much the public will object to these proposals. People are not stupid and can see through what they are doing. The Council's own Liverpool Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment dated August 2013 on page 20 states "over the next 5 years, housing requirement 10695, supply capacity 11989, therefore 12.1% excess housing". This removes any justification for building on public parks and protected green space.

Details of the local plan can be found on the council's website as can the minutes of the Regeneration, Housing & Sustainability Select Committee which has been set up to oversee the plan. The public can attend the meetings of this committee, again the details of which are on the council's website. The next dates are:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 4:30 p.m. onwards;

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 4:30 p.m. onwards;

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, 4:30 p.m. onwards.

If people do not object and leave it to others, then public parks and protected green space will be built over!

There were a number of points from the floor. Someone pointed out that Mayor Anderson had said in the Liverpool Echo that there was no covenant on the Woolton Woods site, however this is a lie as the Society has a copy of the covenant, and the Mayor is aware of this. Someone asked what the next steps on the council's part would be. It was confirmed that this would be a formal planning application. The original plans were that this would be in late November, but it looks like this might now be delayed.

## **6. Election of officers.**

Chairman: The current Vice-Chairman, Henry Stott who has been acting Chairman since the death of Edith McGlashan, did not wish to continue, and offered his resignation from the Committee. Jean Davies was nominated for the position of Chairman, and was duly elected.

Paul Wilkie resigned from the position of Hon. Secretary, and was nominated and was duly elected to the post of Vice-Chairman.

In the absence of nominations for the role of Hon. Secretary, Paul Wilkie volunteered to continue in this role, until a candidate could be found and was duly elected.

Hon. Treasurer: Charles Davies was willing to continue and was duly re-elected.

Membership Secretary: The current incumbent, Jean Bates was willing to continue and was duly re-elected.

Environment Secretary: The current incumbent Chris Darnton was willing to continue and was duly re-elected. John Hibbert, Les Baldwin, and Anne Fearon resigned from the committee, but offered themselves for re-election. Viv Hicks and Janet Hollinshead stood for election to the committee.

All the above were proposed, seconded and, there being no other nominations, were duly elected.

## 7. Any other business.

Thanks were also offered to those organisations which support the Society; The Village Club for the rooms for the talks, The Elephant who provide a room for committee meetings, Riverside Screenprints Ltd. who have agreed to house Janet Gnosselius's archive for the Society, and our accountants HBD Accountancy Services LLP.

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the formal part of the meeting at 8.25 pm, when the appropriate officers signed the society's accounts.

**Please bring these minutes if you plan to attend the AGM on November 18th.**

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# *Society News*

## **Heritage Open Day**

The Woolton Society took part in Heritage Open Day, September 12<sup>th</sup>, for a third year, taking many visitors around the village. The tour around Woolton Hall & the Mechanics' Institute was fully booked, with thanks going to John Hibbert for facilitating entry to the hall, & to the Gregory family for their generosity in opening their home for the afternoon. Three tours were guided around the various Beatles landmarks, with many visitors commenting on the beauty of the village which looked its best in the Autumn sunshine.

## **The Vikings On Merseyside**

Our speaker on September 16<sup>th</sup> was Diana Goodier, who gave a very well received talk on the Viking settlements of the region. Mrs Goodier wore Viking costume for her talk, & brought an assortment of Norse artefacts which the audience was free to inspect. A lively question & answer session followed, & later Mrs Goodier contacted the society to thank us for being such a stimulating audience.

## **Our next talk: A Walk Through Kirkdale**

Local businessman John Boyce will be our next speaker, taking us on a photographic tour of Kirkdale on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Mr Boyce has worked in north Liverpool for many years, & has researched the history of the area. The virtual walk starts in Spellow Lane & ends at Bevington Bush, off Scotland Road, taking in Goodison Park & many other points of interest along the way. The talk will begin at 7.30pm at Woolton Village Club.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm.

There will be a short Winter break in December & January, with talks resuming in February.

## **Diary dates for 2016**

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** a representative from the Mersey Gateway project will speak on the subject of the new Runcorn Bridge. Details of the speaker will be confirmed later.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** will see Cliff Porter speaking on the subject of bee keeping.

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** we will hear Bill Sargeant speak on Noel Chavasse, double V.C winner. Mr Sargeant gave a very well received talk to us in 2010, when he spoke on Merseyside's many winners of the Victoria Cross.

Further dates for 2016 will be advertised in issue 337 of the newsletter. All Woolton Society talks are free, & open to non-members as well as members. We have the use of a downstairs room at the Village Club, with talks starting at 7.30pm.

Fuller details of talks can be found on our notice board beside the HSBC bank, & on our website [www.wooltonociety.org.uk](http://www.wooltonociety.org.uk)

### **The Gnosspelius Bequest**

Work continues on the sorting of the considerable body of material left to the Woolton Society by founding member Janet Gnosspelius. As described in issue 335 many rare books have been taken to the library of Liverpool University, where they will be part of their collection after cataloguing.

Many items relevant to the Gateacre & Wavertree Societies have been added to their archives.

The group working on a history of the quarry & its workers has taken material to aid their research.

In September the Liverpool Record Office, now in its new home at the Central Library on William Brown Street, received a considerable amount of material from the bequest. This included original research on the local census returns for 1861, 1871 & 1881, as well as documents relating to the bridges of West Derby. A nearly complete set of newsletters, from issue 1 in 1973 to number 335 in June 2015 has also been accepted.

It had been hoped to keep the bequest in Woolton, so that local researchers & scholars could access it easily. However it was not possible to find suitable premises locally, so the offer from the Record Office was accepted. The material will be kept in archive conditions, & when catalogued will be made available for research. The team of archivists at the Record Office will keep us informed as to progress, & members will be notified in future issues of the newsletter.

### **Society merchandise**

The very popular tea towels with views of Woolton sold out at our last Farmers Market & so we have had a new print run of 300 made for us by Davies Publicity. They are priced at £4, & will be available at all talks as well as our stall at the market.

### **Committee Members**

All societies need active members to keep going, the Woolton Society being no exception to this rule. If you think that you would like to be more involved in our activities please do not be shy but speak to any current committee member or ring 428 2680 for more details.

**Please note that all subscriptions are due in October, with the relevant forms & subscription rates being on pages 11 & 12 of this issue. If you pay by standing order, please could you make sure that your payment is made by 31<sup>st</sup> November as this will greatly assist the smooth running of our membership records. Thank you.**

## ***Environment News***

At the recent Heritage Open Day, members of Woolton Society were shocked to see the condition of grade 1 listed **Woolton Hall** with water running through ceilings and down **interior** walls. (See pictures below). The environment secretary of the Woolton Society has forwarded photographs to all the councillors for our ward and to the council officers who are responsible for conservation matters. To date the only response received has been from councillor Mark Norris who confirmed he will look into the matter with council officers and report back to us.





The Woolton Society was formed in 1972 with the aim of saving Woolton Hall from demolition, & it is a matter of grave concern that it is now being allowed to deteriorate. The hall is currently up for sale, so it is to be hoped that a future owner will restore it to its former glory.

Concerned members can make their views known to our local representatives, with a list of councillors & city officers at the end of this article. It is to be hoped that the council will urge the owners to maintain the hall & quite literally stop the rot.

A member of the society raised concerns with building work at the **Raj restaurant**. A planning application had been submitted for an extension to the back of the premises. However a timber structure seems to have been built at the front of the building and the black timber detailing on the front wall of the building had been removed. Again the councillors and council officers were contacted and a council officer stated they would visit the premises. The black timber detailing on the front wall of the building now seems to have been restored.

The council has informed the society that it intends to sell off the old **Woolton Library** building on Allerton Road. We are not aware that a buyer has been found as yet.

There is a planning application to build houses on the **former blacksmiths premises** in Quarry Street next to the children's playground.

### **St Gabriel's site: a new planning application**

New plans have been submitted for the site of the former St Gabriel's convent, Knolle Park, at the junction of Church & Beaconsfield Roads. The developers plan to have a consultation meeting with residents at the Village Club on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, from 12 noon until 8pm. This is an opportunity for all residents to see the plans & to express their views directly to the potential developers.

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If you have any concerns about building work or environmental issues in the village then please contact your local Woolton ward councillors or council officers who are responsible for planning and conservation area issues. Their contact details can be found below:

**Councillors:** [mark.norris@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:mark.norris@liverpool.gov.uk) [Colin.McAlley@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:Colin.McAlley@liverpool.gov.uk)  
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# Woolton Society Constitution.

The society is currently operating under the terms of a constitution which is nearly 40 years old. The world in general and the society in particular have changed greatly over that time, and the Executive Committee believes that it is time to update our Constitution to more closely reflect the present day. We are therefore presenting a draft of an amended constitution, with the changes clearly marked, along with explanations of the reasoning behind each. Members will be asked to vote to adopt these changes. Please note that no amendments can be taken at the AGM (see clause 14).

## CONSTITUTION OF THE WOOLTON SOCIETY

### 1 NAME

The name of the Society shall be The Woolton Society.

### 2 OBJECTS

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area bounded by Menlove Avenue, ~~Beaconsfield-Druids Cross~~ Road, Woolton Hill Road, Acrefield Road, Holly Tree Road, Halewood Road, Mackets Lane, ~~Hillfoot Avenue, Speke Road and the north boundary of Woolton Golf Course, School Lane, Hillfoot Road and Menlove Avenue, which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit".~~

**Comment (P1):** This change brings the area covered by the society more closely in line with the current understanding of what constitutes Woolton, and is centred more on the village centre

- to stimulate public interest in the area of benefit
- to promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit.
- to secure the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic or public interest in the area of benefit

In furtherance of the said purposes, but not otherwise, the Society through its Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

- To promote research into subjects directly connected with the Objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research.
- To act as a coordinating body and to co-operate with the local authority, planning committees, sanitary, drainage and all other local and statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
- To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
- To publish papers, reports and other literature.
- To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit.
- To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.
- To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise, provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purposes.
- To take and accept gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not.

- x. To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
- xi. To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Society on such terms and on such security as the Executive Committee shall think fit, but so that the liability of individual members of the Society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual subscriptions.
- xii. To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purpose.

### 3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society. ~~No member shall have power to vote at any meeting of the Society if his/her subscription is in arrears at the time.~~

**Comment [P2]:** Given the timing of the subscription year and the AGM, this would make voting very problematic.

Members aged less than 18 years at the time of their subscription is due shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society.

The subscription of a member joining the Society in the three months preceding 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER in any year shall be regarded as covering membership for the Society's year commencing at the Annual General Meeting following the date of joining the Society.

### 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription shall be (as amended in October 2007):

Adult single	£6.00	Pensioner/Student, (single)	£4.00
Adult joint	£9.00	Pensioner/Student (joint)	£6.00

Or such other reasonable sum as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time, and it shall be payable on or before the Annual General Meeting each year. Membership shall lapse if the annual subscription is unpaid three months after it is due.

### 5 MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about October of each year after at least 28 days' notice, to receive the Executive committee's report and accounts and to elect officers and Members of the committee. The committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the society shall be held and shall give at least 14 days' notice of such meetings to all members.

Special General Meetings of the society shall be held at the written request of members representing not less than ten per cent of the existing membership of the Society, and whose subscriptions are fully paid up.

~~Forty members~~ 10% of the membership, personally present, shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Society.

**Comment [P3]:** As it stands, if the membership falls below 40 it is impossible to dissolve the Society or do anything at all.

### 6 OFFICERS

Nomination for the election of Officers shall be made in writing at or before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. Nominees for election as officers or Committee members shall declare at the Annual General Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to the Society.

The officers of the Society shall consist of:

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer  
Environment Secretary  
Membership Secretary

**Comment [P4]:** Originally the activities were undertaken by sub-committees, changing this to single officers reflects the current size and activity of the Society.

All of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A president and vice-president may also be elected at a General Meeting of the society for periods to be decided at such meeting. The executive committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the officers of the society.



## 7 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the society. The executive committee shall consist of the officers ~~and not less than 10~~ and not more than ~~12~~ 10 other members.

The committee shall have power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). ~~The officers and members of the committee shall normally be resident or work in the "area of benefit", but the committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members from outside the area of benefit.~~ The president and vice-president may attend any meeting of the executive committee, but shall not vote at any such meeting. In the event of equality in the votes cast, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

**Comment [P5]:** Again, a bottom limit could paralyse the Society in the future if not enough members are available for the committee

**Comment [P6]:** Reflects the increased number of officers.

**Comment [P7]:** Unnecessary limitation, which limits the ability to recruit committee members.

Nominations for election to the executive committee shall be made in writing at or before the Annual General Meeting. A seconder must support them and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such a manner as shall be determined. Members of the executive committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the society. **Four members shall retire each year, but be eligible for re-election. Members who have not attended at least 3 Executive Committee meetings in the previous year must resign unless specifically exempted by the Officers, and will not be eligible for re-election. Such exemption may not be given in two consecutive years.**

**Comment [P8]:** Prevents spaces being taken by people who don't attend, but allows exemption, e.g. for illness. The two year rule prevents the Officers from packing the committee with inactive members.

The executive committee shall ~~normally meet not less than six times a year at intervals of not more than two months~~, and the Honorary Secretary shall give all members not less than seven days' notice of each meeting. The quorum shall, as near as may be comprise one third of the members of the executive committee.

**Comment [P9]:** Allow flexibility e.g. after a period of frequent meetings, it may not be necessary to hold another meeting within 2 months.

## 8 SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive committee may constitute such sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit. The chairman and secretary of a sub-committee shall be appointed by the executive committee and all actions and proceedings of each sub-committee shall be reported to and be confirmed by the executive committee as soon as possible. Members of the executive committee may be members of any sub-committee and membership of a sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the executive committee. Sub-committees shall be subordinate to the executive committee and may be regulated or dissolved by the executive committee.

## 9 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It shall be the duty of every officer or member of the executive committee or a sub-committee who is in any way directly, or indirectly interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any committee meeting at which he or she is present, to declare such an interest and he or she shall not discuss such an item or vote thereon.

## 10 EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The executive committee shall, out of the funds of the society, pay all appropriate expenses of administration and management of the society. After the payment of the administration and management and the setting aside to reserve such sums as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the society shall be applied by the executive committee in furtherance of the purposes of the society.

## 11 INVESTMENT

All monies at any time belonging to the society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested by the executive committee in or upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent by the Charity Commissioners or ~~as~~ may be for the time being required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the executive committee.

**Comment [P10]:** Removes the reference to specific departments of government that will always be changing names and responsibilities.

## 12 TRUSTEES

Any freehold or leasehold property acquired by the Society shall, and if the executive committee so directs and any other property belonging to the society, may be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as the executive committee may from time to time direct. Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation. The power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the executive committee. A trustee need not be a member of the Society, but no person whose membership lapses

by virtue of paragraph 3 hereof shall, thereafter, be qualified to act as a trustee unless and until re-appointed as such by the executive committee.

The honorary secretary shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees in their duties as trustees (including the proper charge of a trustee corporation) and liability under such an indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

**13 Charitable Status**

The Woolton Society is a registered charity. The Trustees of the Society shall normally be the Officers of the Society, but may be drawn from other members of the Executive committee if Officers are unwilling to undertake the responsibility.

**Comment [P11]:** Specifies the trustees required by the Charity Commission, but allows for the fact that people may be unable or unwilling to be trustees.

**14 AMENDMENTS**

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that twenty eight days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment, the effect of which would be to cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law.

**15 NOTICES**

Any notice required to be given by these rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member, or emailed to the email address last notified to the Secretary.

**Comment [P12]:** Updated for 21<sup>st</sup> century

**16 WINDING UP**

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held not less than fourteen days after the previous meeting. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects reasonably similar to those herein before declared as shall be chosen by the executive committee and approved by the meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed.

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**Comment [P13]:** Civic Trust no longer exists.

(This constitution was adopted at the Special General Meeting of Tuesday 22 March 1977 in St Peter's (Old) School, Church Road, Woolton, Liverpool 25 at 8 p.m.)



# THE WOOLTON SOCIETY

Registered charity no. 506224

## NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWALS FORM

Subscriptions are due 1st October and rates for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 are as follows, (please tick):

Adult (single)	£6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult (joint)	£9.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pensioner (single)	£4.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pensioner (joint)	£6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student (single)	£4.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student (joint)	£6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Notes:** Please note that the postal supplement has gone up from £3 to £4 because of postage increases.

If you already pay by standing order and your details have not changed, there is no need to complete this form; your membership will renew automatically. If your details have changed then complete this form to update your details.

Method of payment: ☐ by standing order – form to complete overleaf.  
☐ by cheque payable to 'The Woolton Society'  
☐ by cash/cheque at meetings or Woolton Farmers' Market

I/we enclose the sum of £ .....

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**Important:** Even if you choose to receive your newsletter by hand delivery or Royal Mail, please could we have your email so that we can keep you in touch with you concerning events and any urgent issues such as the **Save Woolton Woods** or **Woolton Hall** campaigns.

Email address: .....

**Please include this form with your payment and send to:**

The Membership Secretary, The Woolton Society, 11 Manor Way, Woolton, Liverpool L25 8QY  
or hand in at one of our meetings or at the Woolton Society stall at the Farmers' Market.

**PTO for Gift Aid and Standing Order Forms**



## THE WOOLTON SOCIETY

### STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION (for new or amended subscriptions)

To ..... Bank, full bank address: .....  
..... postcode: .....

Please pay: Barclays Bank, 29 Allerton Road, Woolton, Liverpool L25 7RD  
sort code no.20-50-82 account no. 50868930,

for the credit of The Woolton Society payment ref no: ..... (for completion by the  
membership secretary), the sum of £ ..... amount in words: .....  
**initially on receipt of this instruction** and annually on 1<sup>st</sup> October thereafter until further notice.

**PLEASE CANCEL ANY PRE-EXISTING STANDING ORDER TO THE WOOLTON SOCIETY**

Signature: .....

Sort code: ..... Account number: .....

Account Name: .....

Home Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Date: .....

### Gift Aid Declaration

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The Woolton Society - Registered charity no. 506224

**Please treat all gifts/subscriptions of money that I have made to the Woolton Society in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.**

**Donor's details:** Title ..... First name ..... Surname .....

Home address .....

.....Postcode .....

Date ..... Signature .....

The Woolton Society will be able to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2008.

**Please notify the Treasurer of The Woolton Society if you:** Want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay tax on your income, pensions or/and capital gains.

**Please note that you must pay an amount of Income Tax (this can be tax on pensions, incomes or savings) and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year**

**If you pay income tax at the higher rate,** you should include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

***Please return these forms to: The Membership Secretary, The Woolton Society,  
11 Manor Way, Woolton, Liverpool L25 8QY***