



THE MOLE VALLEY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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RULES OF THE MOLE VALLEY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

- member of the Society but not the Committee.
- d) To deal with any matters which the Committee desire to bring before the members for consideration.
- Notice convening the Annual and any other General Meeting of the Society shall be sent to members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
12. The Committee may at any time call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society for any special purpose and shall do so forthwith on receiving a requisition in writing of any 10 members stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.
 13. At all Annual Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society the President or in his absence the Chairman or other appointee of the Committee shall take the chair. Every member shall be entitled to one vote on every motion and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
 14. The quorum at all Annual and Extraordinary meetings shall be 12 and at Committee meetings 3.
 15. In the event of the winding up of the Society the Society's assets shall be distributed equally between the membership existing at the time.
 16. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting by a majority of members present and being entitled to vote.

1. The name of the Society is „The Mole Valley Geological Society“
2. The objects of the society are:
 - a) The provision for the association of persons interested in geology.
 - b) The provision of meetings, field trips and lectures for the benefit of members and their guests.
 - c) To support conservation in relation to geological matters.
3. Any persons not less than 18 years of age shall be eligible for membership and shall be admitted as a member on payment of the appropriate subscription (£16.00 for 2013/14). “The Society shall have two classes of membership. Any person over the age of 18 shall be admitted to Ordinary Membership on payment of the appropriate subscription. Honorary Membership shall be available for persons who have rendered signal service to the Society. Honorary Members must be proposed and seconded by Ordinary Members. The proposer shall provide the Hon. Secretary of the Committee with a written citation of the merits of the candidate signed by the seconder at least 30 days before the meeting at which the election is to take place. The proposer will propose the candidate for Honorary Membership at a

meeting of the Society and a vote shall be taken on the proposal by the members there present. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of an annual subscription.”

4. The annual subscription fee shall be such sum as determined by the Committee. Any changes shall be approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. All subscriptions (except the first subscription) shall be payable on the 1st of October in each year of the Society.
5. If any member shall fail to pay his subscription on or before the 1st of December next after a reminder has been sent to him he shall cease to be a member of the Society but may at the discretion of the Committee and upon payment of the arrears be re-admitted to the Society.
6. Any member may resign his membership by giving notice in writing to the Secretary to this effect but without refund of subscriptions.
7. The management of the Society shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of not more than 8 members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In addition the President shall be an *ex officio* member of the Committee.
8. At the Annual General Meeting those Committee members retiring shall not be eligible for re-election until they have been out of office for one year.
Members shall serve as follows:

Treasurer and Secretary - up to 5 years
Ordinary committee members - up to 3 years

To fill the vacancies any 2 members may at the Annual General Meeting propose any candidate or candidates. The candidates up to any number of vacancies who shall receive the most votes shall be declared elected and in the case of 2 or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the successful candidate shall be decided by lot.

9. The Committee shall have the power to:
 - i. appoint a member to fill any casual vacancy to the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting but he shall be eligible for election as a member of the Committee at such meeting; and
 - ii. to co-opt extra members to the Committee as it deems necessary.
10. The President shall be elected by the Society in General Meeting and shall hold office until resignation unless removed from office by a resolution of the Society in General Meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee out of their number.
11. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of October each year upon a date, time and place to be fixed by the Committee for the following purposes:
 - a) to receive and if approved adopt an audited statement of the Society's accounts for the preceding year.
 - b) to fill the vacancies in the Committee.
 - c) to elect an auditor for the coming year who is a