

Constitution

Objectives

- 1 To promote high quality Shropshire artisan products.
- 1 To encourage and support, through it's networks, quality producers of goods local to Shropshire.
- 1 To promote and develop opportunities for selling and marketing work.
- 1 To promote the County of Shropshire.

Membership

- 1 Open to creative individuals who live or work in Shropshire, and who design and produce goods for sale.
- 1 Open to food producing individuals who grow and/or produce goods for sale which are from Shropshire.
- 1 All potential members are subject to a selection process.
- 1 By annual subscription, currently £30.00.
- 1 Prior participation in Made in Shropshire events may not guarantee approval for membership.
- 1 Membership of Made in Shropshire is open to small businesses.

Member Benefits

- 1 Use of brand, 'Made in Shropshire'.
- 1 Networking and support.
- 1 Marketing and promotion.
- 1 Opportunities to trade under the Made in Shropshire banner.
- 1 An entry on the Made in Shropshire website.

Management

- 1 The Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting by the members.
- 1 The Committee will consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and up to seven other members.
- 1 If vacancies for the officer positions occur the Committee shall have the power to fill them from amongst their number.
- 1 Co-options onto the Committee shall include one member from the Shropshire Rural Hub.
- 1 The Committee may co-opt up to three other members to serve on the Committee until the next AGM.
- 1 A quorum shall be five full members of the committee, one to be an officer.

Annual General Meeting

The Committee shall arrange an AGM giving three weeks notice to members, where they shall receive an annual report, accounts and elect a new committee. A quorum for the AGM and Special General Meetings shall be five members of the membership including at least two full members of the Committee, one to include an officer.

Special General Meeting

The Chairperson, Secretary, or a minimum of three members may call a Special General Meeting of the Association to consider alterations to the constitution or consider a matter that the Committee decides should be referred to the membership.

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Procedures at Meetings

- ¹ Minutes of meetings shall be made available to the Committee members and members.
- ¹ Voting shall be by show of hands, the Chairperson having the casting vote.

Finance

- ¹ The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Association and all transactions will be processed through the bank account of 'Walford & North Shropshire College', who manage the transactions of the Shropshire Rural Hub. This is subject to review at a Special General Meeting or AGM.
- ¹ All Committee members may only receive payment from the Association for the reimbursement of expenses agreed by the Committee.

Closing Down

- ¹ The Association may be closed down at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose of which members have been given three weeks notice.
- ¹ Closing down must be agreed by a majority of members present by voting at the meeting.
- ¹ Surplus funds once the Association has been closed down shall be given to the Shropshire Rural Hub.