

CUMBRAE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society shall be 'Cumbrae Historical Society'.
2. Purpose: The activities of the Society shall be wherever possible in relation to the Cumbrae islands and their immediate environment. The Society aims to rescue threatened historical material, preserve historical records (including textual, photographic and oral accounts) and artefacts in liaison with The Museum of the Cumbraes at Millport, to study and disseminate information about the history of the Cumbrae islands. These aims shall be directed for the good of the people of the islands and their visitors, and shall thereby foster an appreciation of the Cumbrae islands within a wider context.
3. Membership: The Society shall be open to anyone sharing an interest in these aims. Members shall be admitted on payment of the annual subscription.
4. Management: The Society's affairs shall be administered by a committee, approved by the paid-up membership of the Society; consisting of a President, Treasurer-Secretary, Technical Officer, and at least one other member. When required, these roles may be taken by substitutes approved by the President (or the Committee in his/her absence). The Committee shall be proposed at each Annual General Meeting. Each lecture meeting will be chaired by the President or his/her appointee.
5. The Treasurer-Secretary shall keep a record of monies paid to attend meetings, and give a financial report to the Annual General Meeting. The funds of the Society shall be lodged in the Bank of Scotland, or any other bank subject to the Deposit Protection Scheme established under the Banking Act 1987. Payments from the Society's funds shall be authorised by the signature of the President and Treasurer-Secretary. The financial year will run from 1st October to 30th September each year. The 2025-2026 annual subscription shall be £5 for all lectures, and £1 for a single lecture. Any change to the subscription shall be after approval at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer-Secretary shall keep a record of attendance at each lecture.
6. The Committee shall organise a programme of lectures, normally 7, at monthly intervals from October to April. The final lecture will immediately follow the Annual General Meeting. In 2025-2026, lectures will be on evenings in the Newton Bar. A financial contribution to the Newton Bar shall be made for this facility. The programme for the year will be available at the first lecture. Lectures will be advertised in public places in Millport several weeks in advance. Variations to this programme may be made at the discretion of the Committee.
7. Alterations to the Constitution shall be made on agreement by a meeting of the Committee.
8. Dissolution: If the Society decides at any time to dissolve, the assets of the Society, after payment of any debts and liabilities of the Society, shall be passed to a charitable organisation or organisations with objectives similar to those of the Society, after consideration by the Committee.

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