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## BACKFORD, MOLLINGTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### C O N S T I T U T I O N

**Name:** Backford, Mollington & District Local History Society

**Aims:** Creation of a society of members to promote the study of our area's history, with the involvement of as many local residents as possible.

How these aims may be achieved:

1. The encouragement of members to carry out their own historical research, either alone or in groups, to produce local history and publications.
2. The collecting and archiving of photographs, memorabilia, reminiscences and other information relevant to the area, and their exhibition.
3. The holding of regular meetings of members, at which talks may be given about our local history by members (possibly on their own work) or invited guests.
4. The carrying out of fieldwork associated with any of the above.
5. Contribution to a website now maintained by the Village Hall.

**Meetings:** There will be at least four meetings a year, probably in the Village Hall. One will be an Annual General Meeting. More may be arranged as required, and the programme will be set at the Annual General Meeting. Only 'paid up' members may vote at an Annual General Meeting.

**Membership:** To be annual, with an annual subscription. The level of subscription will be set by the Annual General Meeting, and that due will be collected by the Treasurer and kept in a bank account. Membership will be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December in each calendar year.

**Governing Body:** Officers of the society will comprise a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer drawn from the membership and elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. A committee, to be a minimum of four in number and to include the officers, will be elected annually from the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Sub-committees may be formed as required by decision throughout the year. Additional members may be co-opted as required.

**Alteration to the constitution:** Any changes or additions may be made at the Annual General Meeting provided that members are advised at least 14 days in advance of proposals. Only 'paid up' members may vote on any constitutional change.

**Cessation of activity:** If the Society should decide to dissolve, any surplus funds will be donated to charity.

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