



1 **This is a summary of the main points of the DOS Constitution, members should consult the**
2 **Constitution for a full understanding. The Constitution is available from the General Secretary.**

3 4 **1. NAME**

5 The name of the Association is **The Derbyshire Ornithological Society** ("the Charity")

6 7 **2. AIM**

8 The Charity's aim is to promote the study, recording and conservation of birds and their habitats,
9 throughout the county of Derbyshire.

10 11 **3. MEMBERSHIP**

12 The standard membership is a Family Subscription which covers everyone in the same family at a
13 single address and carries one vote per person over 18 at DOS Meetings. The person paying the
14 subscription must be over 18 and will be the named person on the Subscription List and the
15 recipient of communications. Life Membership may be bestowed on an individual by the
16 Committee.

17 In addition, bodies and associations may purchase a subscription and can nominate an individual
18 to attend meetings on its behalf.

19 The General Committee reserves the right to refuse membership which can be terminated for good
20 reason subject to appeal to the General Committee.

21 22 **4. ORGANISATION**

23 **a) Officers of the Charity:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer and Membership
24 Secretary elected at the AGM.

25 **b) General Committee.** The Society shall be run by the General Committee consisting of the
26 Officers of the Charity, a minimum of 2 and not more than 11 elected members and any co-opted
27 members (latter limited to six and the proportion must not be more than one third of the General
28 Committee number). All members of the General Committee shall retire at the AGM and can be
29 re-elected or re-appointed. All committee members must sign a declaration that they are over 18
30 and are not disqualified from serving by provisions of the Charities Act 1993 (and any amendments
31 or advice). Members of the General Committee must meet certain standards as outlined in Section
32 8 of the Constitution.

33 All General Committee members become trustees of the charity and shall have one vote in decision
34 making, but if any person is acting in more than one capacity that person shall be entitled to only
35 one vote.

36 Members of the General Committee shall be elected or re-elected only at the Annual General
37 Meeting, except that if a member should resign or become unable to act during his/her year in
38 office the other members may co-opt a replacement without recourse to the Membership, to act
39 for the remainder of that year only.

40 Additional posts may be created by the existing members of the General Committee. Nominations
41 for the positions on the General Committee will normally be called for in two monthly Bulletins
42 prior to the AGM.

43 At least three meetings of the General Committee shall be held each year. A quorum shall be at
44 least one third of the number of members of the General Committee for the time being or five
45 members of the General Committee, whichever is the greater, are present at a meeting.

46 **c) Sub-committees.** Sub-committees shall be formed as determined by the General Committee.

47 The Chairman of each sub-committee shall be responsible for its organisation but shall inform the
48 General Committee of any co-opted members. Sub-committees have the power of co-option.

49 **d) Honorary Officers:** The Society shall have a President and Vice President who shall be honorary
50 officers with no executive powers.



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5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

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6. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

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7. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

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Any funds remaining upon the dissolution of the Society shall be transferred to an institution having charitable aims similar to those of the Society.