

Northumbria in Bloom

Bye-laws

These bye-laws shall be read in conjunction with the Northumbria in Bloom Constitution which was approved at a meeting of the members on 11th February 2008. They may be altered, added to or repealed by members in general meeting.

Members

Membership shall be by application. No membership fee is payable. Members wishing to be judges must be experienced and knowledgeable in the field of horticulture and be able and willing to devote the necessary time to carry out the duties of a Judge for Northumbria in Bloom. There shall be no limit on the number of members.

Initially, judges shall be called 'Probationary Judges' and will work with one or more experienced judges for not less than two full seasons.

Expenses

Judges shall be paid out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Trustees.

Finance

The Financial year end shall be 31st December.

Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting shall be held not more than sixty days after the end of the financial year.

The business of the AGM shall be:

- To receive the Chairman's report on the activities of the previous year.
- To receive, consider and approve the accounts for the previous year, together with the Treasurer's report.
- To elect an Independent Examiner/Auditor.
- To elect the Officers and other Trustees.
- To consider any other relevant matters of which the Secretary shall be notified not less than fourteen days before the meeting.

Election of Trustees

Trustees including the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to serve for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election. The maximum number of Trustees at any one time shall be ten. The Board of Trustees may co-opt other Members to perform specific duties and to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees as required.

At least three weeks before the AGM, the Secretary shall inform all Members of the names of those Trustees including Officers, who are due to retire at the AGM, and those who are willing to be re-elected, and invite all Members to nominate Members for election as Trustees. Each nominee shall confirm their willingness to accept nomination. Nominations must be received by the Secretary not less than seven days before the AGM.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, a secret ballot shall be held at the AGM.

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