

# **Colley Gate Gardening Club**

## **Constitution**

### **1. Name**

The name of the organisation is 'Colley Gate Gardening Club, formally known as 'Cradley Garden Club' and 'Cradley Royal British Legion Horticultural Society' which was founded in 1981.

### **2. Objectives**

The objectives of the gardening club is to promote gardening in the local community and provide meetings for people with an interest in gardening to meet and improve their skills and knowledge, these objectives are summarised as follows:

- a) To hold regular meetings throughout the gardening year (February to November).
- b) Promote the pastime of gardening.
- c) Obtain gardening supplies for members at discounted prices.

The group will need to raise funds for the furtherance of the above objectives.

### **3. Membership**

Membership of the gardening club shall be accorded to:-

- i. Anyone that has an interest in horticulture.
- ii. Payment of the annual subscription
- iii. Members of Abbey Road Allotment have automatic membership for use of the trading shed, but must pay the subscription to attend the monthly meetings.

#### 4. Committee Members

Committee members must fulfil the requirements of a member and be elected on to the committee at the AGM.

#### 5. Officers of the Committee

- a) The officers of the committee can include: Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom must be members of the committee
- b) The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until the following Annual Meeting. The committee shall have power to fill any vacancy arising during the year.

#### 6. Meeting of Committee

An annual meeting will be held within two months of the start of the calendar year.

Special general meetings can be called at 14days notice by

- I. The committee
- II. Upon demand in writing of 3 members of the committee
- III. By the chairman or in his absence the vice chairman

#### 7. Sub- Committee

The committee has the power to form sub-committees to carry out specific projects. The officers of the committee shall be members of all sub-committees.

#### 8. The Committee

The duty of the committee shall be to carry out the objectives and general policy of the committee and to provide the administration management and control of its property and affairs.

#### 9. Finance

The financial year shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

## 10. Resolutions & Voting

Every matter requiring a resolution, shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members present. In the event of equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote, whether or not they have previously voted on the same question.

## 11. Records

Records shall be kept of the proceedings of the committee and all other committees, and books of accounts shall also be maintained.

## 12. Constitution

Any amendment of the constitution must receive the ascent of not less than two-thirds of the members of the committee present and voting. Members must be given at least 28 days notice of any planned amendment to the constitution.

## 13. Winding Up

In the event of the dissolution of the garden club, should there remain, after the satisfaction of all it's liabilities, and any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some charitable association having objectives similar to those of this committee. This will be agreed by all current members of the gardening club.

If there are insufficient funds to remove the property that belongs to the Garden Club on different sites then these will be offered to the landlords at no cost.