

CHARTHAM AND HARBLEDOWN & ROUGH COMMON PARISH COUNCILS

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NO MAN'S ORCHARD CONSTITUTION

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- 1) The body overseeing the day to day management of the orchard shall be a joint committee of Harbledown & Rough Common and Chartham Parish Councils, known as 'No Man's Orchard Management Committee.' This committee shall have its own bank account and be empowered to seek and administer its own funds from other bodies and organisations: such funds to be applied for the benefit of the Orchard and for the community of the two parishes and beyond, within the terms of (2) below.
- 2) The aims of the management committee shall be
 - (i) to maintain and preserve the orchard on traditional and organic lines
 - (ii) to ensure optimum conditions for all wildlife, flora and fauna naturally occurring in keeping with its status as a local Nature Reserve.
 - (iii) to enable the orchard to be used as an educational resource by local groups and organisations, and as a leisure resource by individuals, in ways compatible with (i) and (ii) above.
- 3) The Management Committee shall be formed by each Parish Council nominating four representatives of which at least three shall be Parish Councillors at their Annual General Meeting each year. Non-Parish Council Representatives will not be allowed to vote to resolve any financial matters or matters incurring costs. A meeting will be quorate with a minimum of 3 members. Meetings of the Management Committee shall be chaired alternately by a Parish Councillor from each of the two councils. The Management Committee shall report to each Parish Council at every meeting about general management and particular projects and activities planned. The function of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be shared by the clerks of Harbledown & Rough Common and Chartham Parish Councils in rotation, having regard to the fact that these accounts are maintained entirely separately from those of both Parish Councils.
- 4) The Management Committee shall seek advice and support from the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership, Natural England and other appropriate conservation agencies and bodies.
- 5) In the event of the No Man's Orchard Management Committee being disbanded and/or the orchard being sold any funds remaining or arising shall be equally divided between Harbledown & Rough Common and Chartham Parish Councils and applied by them for the benefit of residents of each parish for similar projects or activities such as open spaces in the parishes.