

Present Constitution for Friends of Ludlow Museum

1 Name The name of the Society shall be the Friends of Ludlow Museum

2 Objects The objects of the Society shall be to support and assist the Ludlow Museum and to promote its use and enjoyment by the public as a Museum, and in furtherance thereof: -

- a) To stimulate public interest in and to develop and help preserve the historical inheritance embodied in the Ludlow Museum Collection
- b) To encourage and assist the educational aspect of the Museum Service
- c) To arrange meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity, and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature
- d) To do all such other things as may be necessary in pursuance of the above objects.

3 Membership Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society. Classes of membership:

Junior member - under 18	Student Member
Corporate Member and	Full Member

Every paid up member present at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote. In relation to Corporate Membership, the reference means a person nominated by a Corporate Member to act on its behalf.

4 Subscriptions The subscriptions shall be reviewed annually at the AGM, payable on 1st January by banker's order, or direct to Secretary.

Members whose subscriptions are twelve months in arrears shall automatically be excluded from membership.

Visitors may attend meetings on payment of a charge to be fixed at the AGM.

5 Meetings The Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about October of each year to receive the Committee's Report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and members of the Committee. The Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held and shall give at least fourteen days notice of such meetings to all members, Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the request of twenty or more members. SIX members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Society

6 Officers Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. The election of the officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee Members. The Officers of the Society shall consist of: -

President	Chairman
Honorary Treasurer	(Vice Chairman)
Honorary Secretary	(Assistant Secretary)

all of which shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The President and Vice Presidents may be elected at the Annual General Meeting - for periods to be decided at such meetings.

7 Committee The Committee shall consist of the Officers and not more than eight further members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members.

Nominations for the Committee shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall be responsible for the running of the affairs of the Society and may take decisions on its behalf. Four shall form a quorum for Meetings of the Committee.

8 Expenses of Administration The Committee shall out of monies received by the Society pay all proper expenses of the administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society.

9 Borrowing The Committee may borrow for the objects of the Society such monies at such rates of interest and at such manner as it may think fit.

10 Amendments The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, but no amendment shall be made to this Constitution which would the effect of making the Society cease to be a Charity at Law.

11 Winding Up In the event of the winding up of the Society the available funds shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as may be chosen by the Committee and approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.