

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER
Charity No. 272773

RULES

1 The name of the Association is the Ipswich and District Talking Newspaper 'Sound On' hereinafter referred to as the Association.

2 The object of the Association is to benefit people with sight loss by the provision of recorded news and information.

In furtherance of this object, but not otherwise, the Association through its Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) to take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not
- (b) to raise funds and to invite and to receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that the Committee shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said object
- (c) to do all such other things as shall further the object of the Association.

3 Membership of the Association shall be available:

- (a) automatically to those people in receipt of the Association's news and information programmes.
- (b) to those actively involved in the running of the Association as confirmed by the registering of their names in the volunteer database, held by the association's Volunteer Co-ordinator.
- (c) by invitation of the Committee, on an annual basis, to those who make a regular contribution by way of subscription, donation, or otherwise.

4 The Committee of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) a maximum of 12 elected members, at least 3 of whom should, if possible, be entitled to receive the Association's news and information services. These members shall include Officers holding the following posts; Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer,
- (b) A maximum of 3 co-opted members (with full voting rights)

The above Officers and members of the Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Association, but retiring Officers and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

Further roles, necessary for delivering The Object of the Association as defined by Rule 2 above, may be elected by the committee from its members, or co-opted onto the committee as required.

These roles currently include (but are not limited to) Volunteer Coordinator, Listener Coordinator and Technical Officer.

5 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of March or of April each year and every member shall receive not less than fourteen days' notice of such meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by the Secretary upon a request by the Committee or three members of the Committee or three members of the Association upon a similar notice which shall state the business to be considered at the meeting. The quorum at a Meeting shall be 10.

6 At the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, every member including the Chairperson shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

7 The Committee of the Association shall meet once every three months and additionally as required. Each member of the Committee, including the Chairperson, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

8 All sums collected shall either be paid directly into the Association's bank account by Bank Transfer, or handed over to the Treasurer or Secretary who shall pay the sum into the bank account in the name of the Association. Payments shall be approved by any two, identified, Officers of the Association.

9 The Committee shall invest in their name any monies not required for the immediate purposes of the Association in securities in which Trust Monies may by law be invested with power from time to time to transpose such investments.

10 Any property purchased by the Association shall be invested in the Committee.

11 The Committee shall with such consent as is by law required deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale mortgage charge lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by the Association. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the members of the Association passed by a majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the Association and when so passed shall in favour of a subsequent purchaser mortgagee, chargee or grantee be binding upon all members of the Association. A certificate purporting to be signed by the Secretary for the time being of the Association shall in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee chargee leasee or grantee be conclusive evidence that such a direction was duly given.

12 On the winding up of the Association any assets remaining after the payment of outstanding debts or liabilities shall not be given to or distributed amongst members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having similar objectives.

13 These rules other than Rule 2, Rule 12, and this Rule may be altered, repealed, or added to by a resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of the members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose and of which notice has been served upon every then member of the Association at her/his last known address in the United Kingdom.

Approved at AGM, March 2024, and by the Charity Commission January 2025