

# Salisbury Model Flying Club - Constitution

## 1. Name

The Club shall be known as **Salisbury Model Flying Club** (hereafter referred to as “the Club”).

## 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To promote and encourage the safe enjoyment of model aircraft flying.
- To provide and maintain facilities for members to pursue model flying as a recreational activity.
- To operate in accordance with the rules and guidelines of the **British Model Flying Association (BMFA)**, to which the Club shall be affiliated.
- To maintain a friendly and inclusive environment for members.

## 3. Training Policy

- The Club is generally **unable to** provide pilot training or instruction.
- All members are expected to be competent and responsible in their flying.
- Members wishing to receive training or instruction shall be directed to BMFA-registered training clubs or instructors.

## 4. Membership

- Membership is open to anyone who shares the objectives of the Club and agrees to abide by its rules.
- All members must maintain current BMFA membership, which provides insurance cover.
- Membership categories may include:
  - **Senior Member**
  - **Junior Member** (under 18, with parent/guardian consent)
  - **Honorary Member** (as appointed by the Committee)

## 5. Subscriptions

- The annual subscription rate shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Subscriptions are due by 31st January each year.
- Members who have not paid their subscriptions by this date may be deemed to have resigned.

## 6. Management

- The Club shall be managed by a **Club Coordination Team**, elected annually at the AGM, consisting of:
  - Chairperson
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Safety Officer
  - Additional Team Members (as required)

- The Club Coordination Team shall manage the day-to-day affairs of the Club, including finances, membership, and flying site arrangements.

## **7. Meetings**

- The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** shall be held once per year.
- At least 21 days' notice shall be given to all members.
- An **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)** may be called by the Club Coordination Team or by written request of not less than 25% of members.

## **8. Flying Rules**

- Members must comply with the **BMFA Members' Handbook** and any applicable legislation (e.g. UK CAA requirements).
- All flying must take place at approved Club sites, within designated boundaries, and with due regard for safety.
- The Safety Officer, or in their absence any Club Coordination Team member, may ground a member if their flying is considered unsafe.

## **9. Discipline**

- Any member who breaches Club rules, brings the Club into disrepute, or endangers others may be subject to disciplinary action by the Club Coordination Team.
- Disciplinary measures may include warning, suspension, or expulsion.
- Members subject to expulsion have the right to appeal at a General Meeting.

## **10. Finance**

- The Treasurer shall maintain accurate records of all Club income and expenditure.
- Accounts shall be presented annually at the AGM.
- Club funds shall only be used for purposes that benefit the Club and its members.

## **11. Dissolution**

- If the Club is dissolved, any assets remaining after debts are settled shall be distributed equally among paid-up members, or donated to the BMFA if members agree.

## **12. Amendments**

- This Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members at least 21 days in advance.
- Amendments require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.