



WEST AND MIDLANDS IRIS GROUP CONSTITUTION

The Group. The group shall be called "The West and Midlands Iris Group" and is an affiliated group of the British Iris Society

The Aim of the Group is to promote the growing and development of Iridaceae and to provide a forum for interested people to meet and expand their knowledge.

Membership of the Group is open to all persons interested in the genus Iris.

Management. The Group shall be managed by a committee elected at the AGM comprised of the following: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one other. A quorum shall be four. The committee may co-opt new members who must then be elected at the next AGM. Officers may be elected at the AGM or appointed by the committee. Officers and committee members shall normally hold office for a minimum of 3 years or such period as may be determined at the AGM.

Nominations for Office Nominations shall normally be sent to the Secretary seven days before the AGM, but may, at the Chairman's discretion, be accepted at the AGM.

Voting All current/paid up members shall be entitled to vote at the AGM.

Finance: The Treasurer shall:

- (i) present voluntary audited accounts of the Group's finances at the AGM.
- (ii) be authorised to sign cheques up to a value of one hundred pounds (£100) or such sum as may from time to time be determined by members voting at an AGM; thereafter cheques should be countersigned by the Chairman or other authorised signatory.
- (iii) act as Membership Secretary

The Treasurer, as primary holder of the bank account is authorised to use the facilities of internet banking for bill payments, subscription collection and general maintenance of the account.

At least three bank signatories should be elected at the AGM to facilitate dual authorisation via online banking.

Subscription The annual subscription shall be determined by a resolution carried at the AGM, the intention to increase the subscription having been notified at the previous AGM or in the *Newsletter*.

Meetings The Chairman shall conduct the meetings by the conventional rules for public societies.

The Show. All members are entitled to exhibit in the classes of the Annual Show and Virtual Show, subject to such restrictions as the Committee may impose. Trophies awarded will be held by the member for one year and must be returned to the Show Secretary on or before the day of the Show.

The Group shall maintain a **privacy policy** at all times.

Amendments to the Constitution The Constitution can only be amended by a resolution carried at the AGM, the resolution having been notified at the previous AGM, or in the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting, 8 weeks before the due date.

Disbanding the Group. This can only be carried out at an EGM when the proposal has been notified eight weeks before the date of the EGM. The resolution, to be carried, must be supported by two-thirds of the members present. At the same meeting a resolution shall be presented concerning the disbursement of the Group's funds and to be carried, this resolution must be supported by two-thirds of the members present.

Agreed at the AGM March 2026