

THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS

Commencement

THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS was formed by the members of the CLHS Castle Group for the more effective furtherance and implementation of the Christchurch Castle project and to use their group expertise in the interests of other local heritage issues whether current or in the future.

RULES

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To undertake documentary and archaeological research and record the results authoritatively
- 1.2 Ensure that local buildings and objects of historical significance are preserved or protected
- 1.3 Take an active part in all matters of an historical or archaeological nature in the Christchurch area.

2. Membership

- 2.1 Membership shall be open to anyone with experience, or wishing to gain experience, in historical or archaeological research or investigation, subject to the approval of the Committee.
- 2.2 All aspects of membership and subscriptions shall be the responsibility of the Committee.
- 2.3 Younger members under 16 years of age are welcome to join TCA, but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult at all TCA activities. A reduced rate subscription may be applicable to younger members at the discretion of the Committee.

3. Management

- 3.1 THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS shall be managed by a committee that shall include a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and five committee members. The Committee shall be elected at a General Meeting, held every year, and shall remain in office for a period of one year unless they wish to resign. If a committee place is vacated for any reason the committee shall elect a replacement to continue in office in an acting capacity until the next AGM or an EGM, when advanced nominations will be sought from all the membership to fill the posts for a new term of one year or the remainder of the term if an EGM
- 3.2 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt onto the Committee as and when the need arises.
- 3.3 A quorum shall consist of any two officers plus three other members of the committee.

- 3.4 All decisions regarding the policies and objectives of The Christchurch Antiquarians shall be deemed valid only if agreed by the committee.

4. General finance

- 4.1 Subscriptions for members shall be agreed by the Committee and shall become due on 1st June each year. For new members joining in the period from 1st January to 31st May of a subscription year, the subscription will run to 31st May of the subsequent year.
- 4.2 THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS shall operate a bank account in its name and all cheques drawn on the account shall require two signatures; the authorised signatories shall be the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary of THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS.
- 4.3 Officers of the Committee are authorised for the level of expenditure as agreed from time to time by the Committee.

5. Expulsion

The Committee shall have the power to take whatever action it deems appropriate in maintaining these rules and expel any member whose conduct may prejudice THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS' objectives or rules.

6. Alteration of Rules

Any amendment to these rules must be approved at an AGM or EGM by the membership.

7. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting will be held during June each year and will transact the following business:

- 7.1 To appoint officers and members of the committee
- 7.2 To receive a report of the activities in the preceding year
- 7.3 To receive a financial report
- 7.4 To deal with any special matters not covered elsewhere

8. Calling an EGM

An EGM can be called by a minimum of five members and must be held within 21 days of the request being received by the Secretary.

9. Dissolution

In the event that THE CHRISTCHURCH ANTIQUARIANS has to be dissolved all assets are to be offered in the first instance to the Red House Museum, Christchurch or to the appropriate County Museum or Library service effective at that time.