

# WEST MOORS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY RULES

## West Moors Horticultural Society Rules from the Handbook 2026

(Revised April 2026)

1. The Society shall be called West Moors Horticultural Society and shall be affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society.
2. The objects of the Society shall be to encourage interest in horticulture and allied Subjects, by means of Shows, Talks and other Society activities.
3. Anyone may apply for membership of the Society on payment of an annual subscription. The Society may, on the recommendation of the Committee confer Honorary Life Membership on any member who has rendered long and valuable service.
4. Subscriptions, the amount of which shall be determined by the Committee shall be payable in advance on joining, and on 1st October each year.
5. Officers. The Officers of the Society, who shall be elected by a General Meeting, are as follows:
  - a. President who shall be elected (on the recommendation of the Committee) for life unless the holder of the office determines otherwise.
  - b. Executive Officers, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary to be elected annually.
6. Administration. The management of the Society shall be by a Committee consisting of the Officers and a maximum of twelve ordinary members of the Society. Each of the ordinary members shall be elected for three years, and after three years each member shall retire, but be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee may fill vacancies occurring during the year, and co-opt members to the Committee. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary, six to form a quorum. The Committee may appoint suitable sub-committees, who shall report their recommendations to the Committee, except where given power to act.
7. An Honorary Accounts Examiner, not being a member of the Committee, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
8. Meetings. The Annual General Meeting, of which 14 days notice (with the Agenda) shall be given shall be held in February when the Committee shall present its report for the year ending on the previous 31st December with the audited accounts for the same period. Fifteen members constitute a quorum. The Hon. Secretary shall convene a special General meeting of the members:
  - a. When so directed by the Committee.
  - b. When demanded by a requisition signed by at least ten members, and stating the matter at issue. On each occasion 14 days notice shall be given to each member, stating the purpose of the Meeting and only matters relevant thereto shall be discussed.

All decisions of the Committee, the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meetings, shall be by majority vote, and when necessary the Chairman shall have the casting vote in addition to his Committee or membership vote.

9. Accounts. The Committee shall cause proper books of Accounts to be kept, in respect of all the sums of money received or paid out by the Society. The books of Account shall

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give a true and fair position of the Society's affairs, and explain its transactions. All cheques drawn, and authority to the Bank, shall be signed by such Officer or Officers as may be decided by the Committee.

10. The Committee shall appoint three Trustees. Any two Trustees shall have power to act, and at their discretion to appoint a replacement Trustee, should a vacancy occur when no Committee is in office. In the event of the Society ceasing to function, through lack of Officers and/or Committee, the Trustees shall administer the assets of the Society until the Society recommences to function. If after a period of ten years the Society has not recommenced to function, the Trustees shall, at their absolute discretion use the assets of the Society for the benefit of the community of West Moors.
11. In the event of the dissolution of the Society by resolution of a Special General meeting, the assets of the Society after discharge of all liabilities, shall be administered by the Trustees for a period not exceeding ten years. If within ten years of such a dissolution another organisation be constituted in West Moors with aims similar to those of the Society, the Trustees shall transfer the said assets to that organisation. Otherwise the Trustees shall dispose of the said assets as described in Rule 10.
12. As agreed at the December 2014 AGM, this Rule enables the Society Committee to propose and make changes to the Rules and/or introduce additional Rules.

### DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

Membership of the Society implies acceptance of the fact that, unless an objection is lodged with the Membership Secretary within 28 days of the receipt of this notice, certain personal data of each member will be held on a computer file. This data will be used solely for the purposes of Show and Society Management and will not be disclosed to any third party except insofar as the names (but not addresses) of winners at our shows may be supplied to the press for publicity purposes. <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>