

EYNESHAM ARTS GROUP

RULES OF THE GROUP

AMENDED AND AGREED on 1ST JULY 2021

1 Purpose

The Eynsham Arts Group was founded in 1970 by friends who were interested in painting and saw in the ancient Bartholomew Rooms an attractive setting for exhibitions to encourage the work of local artists. The purpose of the Group is to promote painting and drawing in the neighbourhood and to provide facilities for the display and sale of works of Art.

2. Membership

Membership is open to anyone living in the Eynsham and the surrounding neighbourhood. Members who move to live outside the area have the right to retain their membership at the standing subscription rate.

Members are required to abide by the Rules of the Group in all respects. In the event a member becomes aggressive, or abusive, or refuses to abide by the Rules of the Group, the member may be refused continuation of membership and subscription fees may be returned at the discretion of the Principal Officers of the Group.

3. Subscription

All Members will pay an annual membership subscription which is due on 1st January. Members who fail to pay by 31st March of the same year will cease to be members. New members joining after September will have their Membership subscription waived for that year.

4. Committee

The Principle Officers of the Group Committee shall be:

- The Chair
- The Vice-Chair
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer

In addition, there will be up to 6 other Committee Members with working responsibilities for the Group.

The Group Committee shall have the powers to co-opt other members and appoint Officers for additional particular functions.

The Group Committee shall pass resolutions from time to time to further the purposes of the Group.

All members of the Group Committee shall be elected/re-elected annually.

No meeting of the Group Committee shall be in quorum unless at least one of the Principle Officers plus three other Members of the Group Committee are present.

5. Exhibitions

- i. There shall be at least three exhibitions with sales in the year.
- ii. Members have the right to submit for exhibition works of art that are original and have not been exhibited in the previous exhibition of the Eynsham Arts Group.
- iii. The Exhibition Committee will select works for display and has the right to refuse works it considers unsuitable for exhibition without giving reasons.
- iv. An exhibition 'Hanging fee', the amount of which shall be set by the Committee, will be charged for each piece of work displayed with a maximum of three pictures, per artist, per exhibition.
- v. Unframed and unglazed works of art to be mounted and may be placed for sale in the Cradle/Browser if room permits. Hanging fees do not apply for these items.
- vi. Members of the Group who have works displayed in the Exhibitions or placed within the Cradle/Browser, do so at their own risk. The Group does not indemnify any member for loss or damage of works submitted for exhibition. The Group does not accept responsibility for breach of copyright law by any individual.
- vii. Members submitting works must follow all instructions as detailed on the Group's website for method of submission – such as labelling and stringing.
- viii. Ten per cent of sums realised from sales will be allowed to the Arts Group towards expenses.
- ix. The titles of members' works, members' names, media used and price, will be listed for public display at the exhibition. Works may be displayed on a 'Not for Sale' basis.
- x. Members' individual exhibitions – members may have the use of the Groups' picture display equipment. Those who have been members for a year or more may be entitled to concessionary hire charges for the exhibition room depending on the balance of unused days from the Group's allocation of EAG days per year. Booking arrangements must be confirmed with the Group Secretary.

6. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will normally be held in January. Members will be given one month's notice together with details of voting motions. The draft accounts to be available at The Annual General Meeting.

The Committee can call an Extraordinary General Meeting at one week's notice.

7. Insurance

The Group is to be insured for Public Liability Insurance. This covers legal liability for accidental bodily injury to third parties and/or damage to third party property arising out of the Insured Activities. Members' individual Artwork/property is not insured by The Group. Artists are advised to take out their own Insurance for individual pieces of work.

8. Discontinuation of the Group

In the event that the Eynsham Arts Group ceases: An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called. The monies and equipment should be allocated according to the wishes of the Members on the basis of a simple majority. In the event of difficulties of holding a large meeting the EGM could either be postponed or a vote by email could be arranged.