

Riddell Fiddles Constitution

The Group will be called ***Riddell Fiddles***.

1. Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the group will be:

- To provide inexpensive fiddle tuition & guitar accompaniment for traditional music
- To allow **everyone**, regardless of age, musical ability, and financial status, to learn the playing of traditional music with other fiddles and guitars.
- To build up ceilidh bands of all age groups for local dances
- To employ visiting tutors of excellence to complement local teaching.
- To involve players in local performances
- To facilitate attendance of players at folk festivals and concerts to widen the range of musical experience.
- To provide guitar tuition in accompaniment
- To perform with local & visiting musicians and at local folk clubs.

2. Membership

Membership is open to any person – youth, tutor, player (whatever instrument), ancillary helpers, parent etc. who attend the group on a regular basis

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the group will be deemed to accept them therein.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- full member
- junior member
- family member
- Tutor
- Support Member (Parent, etc.)

3. Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually according to tuition & other costs.

2022-23 session. A subscription (annual) is levied (£75) for Riddell Fiddles' adults where they can afford it with no charge for Bannerfield Buskers or Burnfoot Buskers.

4.

The Management Committee will be elected at the AGM and consist of 8 persons made up to include the following categories.

- Chair
- Administrator/Secretary
- Treasurer
- Youth member
- Tutor Member (2)
- Ancillary staff
- Parental member

Management Committee members will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee may co-opt any member to the Management Committee until the conclusion of the following AGM.

The Management Committee have authority on behalf of the group to apply on behalf of the group for funding or grants.

5. The Management Committee will be convened by the Administrator/Secretary and held no less than *three times* per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management

Committee meetings will be: Five

The Management Committee will be responsible for managing funds, booking tutors, accepting performances, deciding on fund-raising events to be held and organisation (with support) of group trips/tours.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers/ professional musicians to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

6. Finance

All group monies will be banked in account held in the name of Riddell Fiddles.

The Administrator/Secretary & Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the group.

The financial year of the club will end on: *5th April each year.*

A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Annual General Meetings

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Administrator/Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice is to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the accounts.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Administrator/Secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGMs will be 15

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

- Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the group can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of a local traditional music organisation to be decided by the Management Committee.

- Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

Declaration

Riddell Fiddles hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED: Sheila Sapkota

DATE: 1/4/22

NAME: SHEILA SAPKOTA

POSITION: Group Leader

SIGNED: KAREN HENDRY

DATE: 1/4/22

NAME: KAREN HENDRY

POSITION: ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY