



Ipplepen Film Society Constitution

1. Name.

The Society shall be known as **The Ipplepen Film Society**, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

2. Location.

The Society will benefit the inhabitants of the parish of Ipplepen and surrounding areas in the county of Devon, England.

3. Objects.

The objects of the Society are to enhance the social and cultural life in the village of Ipplepen.

The Society will achieve these objects through screening classic and contemporary films of any genre and providing opportunities for discussions, exhibitions and events related to films and the film industry.

4. Policy.

The Society shall not espouse the cause of any political, religious or sectional interest. Membership of the Society will be welcomed from all sections of the community irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background or religious conviction.

5. Membership.

There are two categories of members: Full Annual Members and Day Members. The annual membership fee and admission charge for full annual

members and day members for each film shall be proposed by the Committee and agreed at each AGM. Concessions for each category may be offered.

Full Annual membership of the Society is open to any interested person over the age of 18, subject to a limit on total membership governed by the seating capacity of the screening venue.

Day membership of the Society is open to any interested person subject to the age certification of the film being shown.

Anyone who appears, to be under the age of 12 will not be admitted to any screening unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

6. Management.

The business of the Society shall be managed by elected Officers, consisting of a Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary. No person may undertake multiple officer roles simultaneously. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until their successors are appointed at a subsequent Annual General Meeting. The Officers shall have power to co-opt Full Annual Members to assist with the activities of the Society, subject to a maximum number of seven not being exceeded. The co-opted Full Annual Members shall be known as the Steering Group. Any Officer vacancies arising during the course of the year shall be filled by appointment by majority consensus of the Officers and Steering Group acting together.

A large part of the management of the Society will be undertaken using email or letters. The Officers and Steering Group shall meet not less than three times per year. The quorum for these meetings shall be three, to include at least one elected Officer.

7. General and Special Meetings.

The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year.

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the majority consensus of the Officers and Steering Group acting together, or upon a request in writing being made to the Secretary and signed by at least one third of the Full Annual Members of the Society, or automatically in the event that two or more officer positions become simultaneously vacant and cannot be filled by the Officers and Steering Group.

The date of any General Meeting shall be publicly displayed in print or electronic form in such a manner as it is reasonably accessible by all Full Annual Members of the Society no less than two weeks before the agreed date of such General Meeting.

Only Full Annual Members of the Society will be eligible to vote a General or Special Meetings. The quorum for a General or Special Meeting shall be five Full Annual members or one quarter of the total number of Full Annual Members, whichever is the larger.

8. Film Classifications.

Films with a rating equivalent to, or above, the British Board of Film Classification rating of 18 will only be screened if proposed by at least two Officers or members of the Steering Group who have previously watched the film in its entirety in the version (cut) proposed and then agreed by at least a two thirds majority vote of those present at the Officers and Steering Group meeting where the film is proposed.

Members of the Society will take reasonable steps to ensure that the age of Full and Day members present at a screening meets the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification. However responsibility for ensuring that children are of an age to watch the film will always rest with the parents, or legal guardian, of those children.

9. Finance.

The Society's funds shall be used only in the furtherance of the Society's objects. The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a member or

members. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to furthering the objects of the Society.

The officers and members of the Society shall not receive payment, either directly or indirectly, for their services other than for legitimate expenses incurred in this work.

At the discretion of the steering group the Society may donate funds to other village societies or specified good causes which benefit the community.

10. Dissolution.

The Society may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at a General Meeting. In the event of a winding up of the Society, any remaining funds and assets of the Society shall not be distributed among the members of the Society but shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the Society.

11. Amendment.

Any amendment to this Constitution will require the support of two-thirds of the Full Annual members present at a General Meeting or Special Meeting.