

North Western Repeater Group and Amateur Radio Club

Constitution of the Group

1. The Group shall be known as The North Western Repeater Group and ARC.
2. The aims of the Group are to use its best endeavours to establish and maintain such Repeaters as the Group shall decide, for the benefit of Members of the Group and Radio Amateurs in general.
3. Membership of the Group shall be open to any licensed Radio Amateur and others who wish to promote the aims of the Group.
4. Subscriptions.
 - a. The annual subscription to the Group shall be set for the following year, by each Annual General Meeting (AGM). The payment of which entitles the payee to 1 year's membership. A receipt will be issued for each payment.
 - b. New members joining the Group shall begin their membership immediately. The membership period shall be a rolling year. This means that any member joining the club on the 12th of September, for example, shall be paid up until midnight on the 11th of September in the following year.
5. Membership (Except Honorary Life Membership) expires at the end of the subscription period laid out in 4b above. Subscriptions become payable and shall be paid before the end of the recorded expiry date in each year and Membership of any person who fails to pay the subscription before the end of the recorded expiry date shall be given until the end of the third month following the recorded expiry date to pay their subscriptions, if by this time their subscriptions have not been paid their Membership shall lapse and any such person may re-apply for Membership.
6. The Group must maintain accounts and two auditors must be appointed each year to audit the accounts and present a statement to each AGM.
7. Only Members whose subscriptions have been paid shall be entitled to vote at meetings.
8. The AGM shall be held at 20:00 on the 3rd Thursday in November of each year at the Globe Bowling Club, Accrington unless otherwise notified.
9. The group shall be managed by a committee of fully paid-up members comprising: - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 other members.

10. A quorum will consist of not less than four members of the committee. The votes of the majority of the committee shall prevail, but in the event of equal votes at a committee meeting the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
11. In the event that a committee member fails to attend on 3 consecutive meetings without sending apologies or a valid reason, that post shall be declared vacant and the committee may co-opt any other member of "The Group", except Honorary Life Members, to fill such vacancy or vacancies.
12. A minimum of three committee meetings shall be held each year between successive AGM's and shall be held at the request of not less than two committee members subject to the necessary quorum being obtained.
13. Election of the officers to the committee shall take place at each AGM at which meeting nominations may be made.
14. Amendments to the Constitution shall be requested of the Secretary in writing not less than one month before the AGM and shall be presented at that AGM for approval by the membership.
15. The Group at an AGM or EGM may appoint any such person or persons as they think fit to be Honorary Life Members of the Group. Any such person or persons shall have all the rights of Membership, except that they shall have no right to vote at meetings or be elected to the committee, but such members shall not be liable to make any subscription.
16. Any Member whose actions are prejudicial to the Group or to Amateur Radio in general may, by a vote of the majority of members present at an AGM or EGM, after 28 days notice has been given to such Member by an officer appointed at the meeting, be expelled from the Group, and in such case no subscription or part thereof shall be refundable.
17. An EGM (Emergency General Meeting) may be called by a minimum of 20% of the membership or 6 members whichever is the greater.
18. A quorum of the group shall be six members.
19. The group may be wound up at an AGM or EGM by agreement of a minimum of 75% of the membership.
20. The assets shall be distributed by agreement of members present at the winding up meeting.