



Frome, Piddle & West Dorset Fisheries Association

To conserve and enhance the native fish-stocks and the natural habitat of the Frome, Piddle and West Dorset Rivers

UPDATED (2024) **CONSTITUTION FOR**

THE FROME AND PIDDLER AND WEST DORSET FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

1. **NAME.** The Association will be known as The Frome and Piddle and West Dorset Fisheries Association (FPWDFA)
2. **ROLE AND OBJECTIVES.**
 - 1) The role of the Association is to represent the wider interests and wishes of its corporate and individual membership, and those of the farmers and riparian owners within the rivers Frome and Piddle catchment and West Dorset Rivers.
 - 2) It is to act as a pressure group to endorse those interests and promote projects within other organisations with which it is invited to cooperate through partnerships.
 - 3) Locally, it will conduct agreed and selected projects for the betterment of the riparian and bank habitat to benefit the natural population of the rivers within its area of interest (the Rivers Frome and Piddle catchment and other West Dorset rivers), and to monitor water quality as an integral part of that work and report as necessary.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Individual and Corporate Membership will generally be unlimited, but at the discretion of the Management Committee (see below) Membership can be denied. An annual Ordinary Membership subscription, or Life Membership subscription, or Corporate subscription is to be laid down at each AGM (see below) by the Finance Committee.
4. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** The Management Committee, which is to be re-elected by the Membership every 3 years, will consist of:
 - 1) Chair
 - 2) Vice Chair
 - 3) Secretary and Treasurer
 - 4) Committee Members x 6 (or more at the discretion of the Chair)
5. **FINANCE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**
 - 1) Accounts of Income and Expenditure, Bank Balances and Association valuation (including property) will be maintained by the Treasurer and presented to the Management Committee on demand and to the



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Membership at the AGM. Accounts will be audited as and when necessary as directed by HMRC.

2) Individual annual, Corporate annual, Life and Honorary subscriptions will be laid down by the Finance Committee and endorsed by the Management Committee and Membership at each AGM.

6. PROPERTY. Any property or equipment purchased, owned or borrowed by the Association is to be recorded in a Property Ledger and audited annually. The value of such property is either to be written off on purchase, or realistically devalued each year at the discretion of the Management Committee, and is to be recorded as such on the annual accounts.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS. AGMs (and EGMs when and as necessary) will be called at least annually. Invitees are to include all Association members. Agendas of such meetings are to be published to members at least 2 weeks in advance to enable valuable contribution. It is to be encouraged that invitations to speak to the attendees are sent to outside personalities to present on subjects of concern or interest.

8. RULES OF PROCEDURE. All approaches of an official or formal nature by other organisations or individuals are to be addressed through the Management Committee for the consideration and endorsement of the Chair.

9. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION. Any alterations to the endorsed Constitution can be made by the Management Committee and recorded in Minutes for republication to the Membership.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION. Should it become necessary for any reason to dissolve the Frome and Piddle and West Dorset Fisheries Association, the power to do so rests with the Management Committee with the agreement of a quorum of 75 percent of the Membership.

Charles DUTTON. Co Vice Chair

Signature

Charles Dutton
23/12/25.

Richard Holden ILLINGWORTH. Co Vice Chair

Signature

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23/12/25

Date: