

SHERBURN BOGHOPPERS AND HIKING CLUB

Constitution & Rules Updated March 2020

1. The Club shall be known as **'The Sherburn Boghoppers & Hiking Club'** and shall be for the mutual appreciation of walking and attendant social activities.
2. The Club shall be governed by a Committee elected at an AGM held annually.
3. The Committee will consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to five general members, plus a member editing the web site.
4. The Committee will hold meetings as often as required.
5. The Committee will elect an examiner who will not be a member of the Committee.
6. Annual statements and a balance sheet will be presented at the AGM.
7. Club fees and bus fares will be decided by the Committee and agreed at the AGM.
8. Membership will be by application to the Secretary. Any junior under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their conduct. Honorary Life Membership may be conferred by the Club at its discretion.
9. Subscriptions must be paid within 3 months of the Annual General Meeting. Juniors shall be defined as 'those in receipt of unassisted full time education'. Membership will be half the adult rate. Family membership will be twice the adult rate.
10. A surcharge will be levied on non-members.
11. Extraordinary Meetings can be convened by any Officer if required. A minimum of 10 members may call an Extraordinary Meeting through any Officer of the Club.
12. Any expenses incurred on behalf of the Club, if approved by the Committee, shall be met from Club funds.
13. The Sherburn Boghoppers Club or Committee will not be responsible for any accident happening on any Club function.
14. Members having special requirements, for medical or other reasons, shall make them known to the Committee in advance of the walk and to the walk leader at the start of the walk.
15. WALKING Every walk will have a designated walk leader and back marker, and these shall be identified to the party before setting off on the walk.
16. Walkers should remain behind the walk leader. Anyone walking in front does so on their own responsibility. Walkers must not walk behind the back marker(s) and must inform the back marker(s) if they leave the Group for any reason.
17. All persons on a walk shall be equipped with suitable clothing, footwear and waterproofs.
18. All members of a party must remain within visual contact of each other.
19. No person or group of persons will at any time leave the main group without the permission of the walk leader and back marker(s).
20. Dogs will not be allowed on Club walks where a bus is involved, unless the dog be an official guide dog.
21. The Country Code* (see below) will be adhered to on all Club outings.
22. These rules are binding on all members and guests. Any breach of the rules which can be proven to the Committee may result in suspension from all Club activities for a period to be determined by the Committee.

* <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code>

Respect other people:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs