

The BRISTOL FUCHSIA AND GERANIUM SOCIETY

(AFFILIATED TO THE BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY AND THE BRITISH AND EUROPEAN GERANIUM SOCIETY)

CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Secretary:
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1. Title and Objects.

The title shall be The Bristol Fuchsia and Geranium Society.

2. Inauguration of Society: Friday, 27th June, 1980.

The main sponsors were:

Dorada Welch Limited

Taylor Bros. Limited

Peter Lane Transport Limited

Mr. S. C. Gillett, London Carriers Ltd.

C. & R. Hunt Limited

Rob Hunter

John Burnell Limited

Tuckers Radiators

3. The objects of the Society shall be to encourage, improve and extend the cultivation of Fuchsias and Geraniums (Pelargoniums) in all possible ways; to hold meetings, give instructional talks and demonstrations, to hold shows and exhibitions.

4. Membership

The Society shall consist of members paying an annual subscription due on June 1st each year. The amount of subscription is decided at the Annual General Meeting. Anyone whose subscription is unpaid at the start of November AGM will no longer be entitled to exercise any of the rights and privileges of membership and will be deemed to have resigned.

5. In addition to subscribing members, the Committee may recommend to the Annual General Meeting for elections as Honorary Life Member, any person who has made a valuable contribution to the Society. Such Honorary Members shall be accorded the full privileges of membership.

6. Members shall be entitled to:

- A members card which will be a pass card to shows and exhibitions organised by the Society.
- A copy of all publications issued by the Society.
- Vote at all General Meetings of the Society.
- Exhibit free of charge, except in Open Classes at any Show organised by the Society.
- Free advice on all matters connected with Fuchsias and Geraniums (Pelargoniums) that the Society has power to give. A stamped addressed envelope must accompany all postal enquiries.

7. Officers and Committee

The Officers of the Society shall consist of:

President: Vice-Presidents: Chairman: Secretary: Treasurer: Show Secretary: Editor.

After election the President shall remain in office for a period of three years and the remaining officers will hold office for a period of one year. The Committee Members will be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

- 7a. The Committee shall have the authority to co-opt any member to the Committee, providing the majority feel it necessary.

The Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to ten other elected members of the Society.

The Chairman shall have control of meetings at all times; in the event of the absence of the Chairman some other member of the Committee shall be elected by a majority of Committee members present to act as Chairman of the meeting.

A Vice Chairman may be elected at the first Committee Meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

Nominations for the election of Officers and Members of the Committee must be given. All nominations must be seconded and accompanied by an acceptance from the nominee indicating his/her willingness to serve. The election of all Officers and Committee members shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.

9. Powers Committee and Officers

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Society in accordance with the Constitution and shall define the duties of the several officers who shall, in all respects, be subject to the control of the Committee

10. The decision of the majority of members at Committee meetings shall be considered as the decision of the Committee. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting opinion.

11. The decision of the Committee on any matter concerning the Society, but not covered by the Constitution shall be binding upon all members.

- 11a. Any Committee member failing to attend three consecutive meetings without providing an apology shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

- 11b. A quorum shall consist of two officers and three committee members.

12. Adequate minutes of all Committee meetings must be kept.

13. The financial year of the Society shall run from 1st October each year.

14. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at the November meeting each year.

The President shall have control over the business of the meeting and the order of business shall be in accordance with the Agenda.

Special General Meeting

The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting if requested to do so by at least thirty members or by at least two thirds of the Committee members.

No other business shall be transacted or discussed, other than the subject matter for which the meeting was called.

15. Any proposal for amendment or addition to the Constitution and Standing Orders must be made in writing to the Secretary at least six weeks before the Annual General Meeting.