



Rules and Customs of the Hadrianic Society

1. AIMS AND MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 The aim of the Society is to promote the study of Hadrian's Wall, Roman frontiers in general, and the Roman army.
- 1.2 Membership of the Society is open to those having an interest in the study of Hadrian's Wall and/or the Roman army. Prospective members should write to the Membership Secretary.

2 OFFICERS

- 2.1 The Officers of the Society will be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Archivist, Publicity Secretary and Editor.
- 2.2 The **Chairman** will be elected by the AGM and will serve for two years. The retiring Chairman will remain in office until the end of the AGM during which the new Chairman is elected. The re-election of the Secretary is possible. The duties of the Chairman are chiefly those of conducting the AGM, of conveying the Society's thanks, forwarding objections to the policy of outside bodies, and such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.
- 2.3 The **Secretary** will be elected by the AGM, and may remain in office at the will of the Society. The Secretary may not resign in the year in which a new Chairman is elected. The duties of the Secretary are chiefly those of drawing up the agenda for the AGM in consultation with the Chairman and other Officers, of recording the minutes of the AGM and presenting them to the Editor for publication, of writing on behalf of the Society such letters as may be appropriate, and such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.
- 2.4 The **Treasurer** will be elected by the AGM and may remain in office at the will of the Society. The Treasurer will be responsible for overseeing and regulating the financial affairs of the Society, for presenting the accounts at the AGM and for publication in the *Newsletter*, and for such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.
- 2.5 The **Membership Secretary** will be elected by the AGM and may remain in office at the will of the Society. The duties of the Membership Secretary will be to maintain a list of members and records of payment of their subscriptions, to receive subscriptions and forward them to the Treasurer, to arrange for reminders to be issued to those in arrears, and such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.
- 2.6 The **Archivist** will be elected by the AGM and may remain in office at the will of the Society. The Archivist will be responsible for holding such records of the Society as are not in current use, for obtaining and holding copies of all information and publications put out by the Society, for canvassing from Members photographs of Society events, maintaining all these items as an archive, putting up display material from the archive at the Reunion, and for such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.
- 2.7 The **Publicity Secretary** will be elected by the AGM and may remain in office at the will of the Society. The duties of the Publicity Secretary will be to provide such publicity of the society and its events as seems appropriate and such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.
- 2.8 The **Editor** will be elected by the AGM and may remain in office at the will of the Society. The Editor

will be responsible for the design and production of the Society publications, arranging for such printing and other technical services as may be needed subject to available funds, for despatch of the publications together with other Society material as necessary, and for such other duties as the Society may from time to time require.

- 2.9 Expenses incurred in connection with holding office in the Society will be reimbursed through the Treasurer.

3 COMMITTEE

- 3.1 When questions arise as to the action to be taken on matters arising other than at the AGM, the Officers of the Society will constitute a Committee, consulting if appropriate with the president, vice-presidents and one or more Patrons, in order to formulate the appropriate action. Any decisions so taken will be binding on the Society, except that no action which affects the future of the Society may be taken except under the provisions of Section 9.

4 PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND PATRONS

- 4.1 The Society may appoint certain persons eminent in the field of Roman frontier studies as Vice-Presidents or Patrons. These will be honorary positions designed to reflect the appreciation of the Society for the contribution made by the holders to the work of the Society and to Roman frontier studies.
- 4.2 Dr. Brian Dobson, as the principal begetter of, and inspiration for, the Society is appointed Founder and President. By its nature, this office is not transferable.

5 HONORARY MEMBERS

- 5.1 The Society may from time to time appoint certain persons or organisations, in consideration of their contribution to the Society, as Honorary Members. This will confer all the benefits of Society membership without payment of subscription. All Patrons will be *ex officio* Honorary Members.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 6.1 There will be an annual subscription set by the AGM and varied from time to time as necessary. Payment of the subscription will entitle the member to receive the Society publications and to attend the Spring and Autumn Weekend. Family Membership will carry an entitlement to one copy of each publication and for all members of the family to attend these two events.
- 6.2 Subscriptions fall due at the AGM or at the beginning of April, whichever shall be the earlier. Members in arrears will receive two publications after the unpaid subscription fell due, with due reminders being issued, after which membership will formally lapse. This rule will be strictly applied unless exceptional circumstances are held to prevail.

7 EVENTS

- 7.1 There will be an annual Spring weekend organised by the Society; this will normally take place in Durham in March or April. The Annual General Meeting will take place during the Spring Weekend. There also will be a Roman Army School, normally immediately following on from the Spring Weekend; this, and other events which may from time to time be organised by the Society from time to time, will be open to non-Members.
- 7.2 An Autumn Weekend meeting, usually held south of Durham, may be organised by one or more

members acting independently but in association with the Society. It will be open to all Members including Family Members.

7.3 Other events of interest to the society may from time to time be organised and advertised through the Society.

8 PUBLICATIONS

8.1 In order to keep members in touch with Society matters and to promote the study of Hadrian's Wall, other Roman frontiers, and the Roman Army there will several Society publications during the year.

8.3 In March the Society *Bulletin* will carry articles by members on general or specific topics more or less relevant to the aims of the Society. At least twice a year there will be a *Newsletter* carrying items of more general interest associated with the Roman world and news of Society events. Contributors will normally be members of the Society or those who have lectured at a Society event. Both publications are for the members of the Society to express their views and understanding of their subject in the way which best suits them.

9 AMENDMENTS TO THE CUSTOMS

9.1 These Customs may be varied from time to time with the consent of a simple majority of members present at an AGM, except that in any matter affecting the future of the Society a majority of all paid-up members will be required, in which case a postal ballot may be held.

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