

OCFA CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the club will be Olney and Clifton Fishing Association.
2. The object of The Club is the preservation of the River Ouse and backwaters leased or rented by The Club and to promote Coarse, Trout and Sea Angling for the purpose of the sport only. The catching of fish by any other means other than rod and line is strictly prohibited.
3. Membership is open to all. The Club is fully committed to the principles of equality and opportunity.

No member, volunteer, officer of the club will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, age, colour, disability, ethnic origin, parental or marital status, religious belief, social class or sexual preference than any other. The Club will ensure that there is open access for all those who wish to participate in the activities of The Club, in whatever capacity and that they are treated fairly. The Club recognises its legal obligations not to discriminate and regard discrimination by any officer, member or volunteer as grounds for disciplinary action under the relevant Club rules. This also applies to all forms of on and off line Media.

4. The Club is a non-profit organisation and all monies raised by, or on behalf of the club shall be applied to further the aims and objectives of The Club and no other purpose.
5. The Annual General Meeting will be held in May, date published in the club book. 15 members shall form a quorum at any general meeting.
That at the AGM there shall be appointed a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Match Secretary, one Auditor and a management committee.
All members present shall be entitled to vote and in the event of a tie of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
6. An Extraordinary Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the secretary signed by not less than 15 members. The management committee shall have the discretion to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of its members.
7. Voting at general meetings by previous years club membership book ONLY.
8. The quorum necessary for committee meetings shall be a minimum of 7.
The committee shall be responsible for interpreting the club constitution in relation to the operation of the clubs' affairs. Proposed amendments to the constitution can only be agreed at an AGM or EGM.
9. Any person serving seven years of continuous service on the committee will be entitled to a life membership.
10. At committee meetings any member should be obliged to report a conflict of interest. In this instance the member with the conflict of interest will not be allowed to vote on the matter in which they have an interest.

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11. There will be a minimum of 6 serving committee members/officers who are not related or non-cohabitating.
12. If at any general meeting of the club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the club, the secretary shall immediately convene an EGM of the club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution. If at the EGM, the resolution is carried by at least 2/3 thirds of the full members present at the meeting, the general committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.
After discharging all debts and liabilities of the club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst full members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation or charity having similar objects of The Club to be decided at the EGM.
13. Finance-the club treasurer is responsible for collecting membership subscriptions and maintaining the financial accounts of the club detailing all income received and expenditure made.
The financial year of the club starts on 1st April and ends on the 31st March. The funds of the club shall be lodged at a bank or building society in an account in the name of the club. All cheques, drafts, etc. drawn on this account shall be signed by two of the following officers, Treasurer and a nominated committee member.
The club accounts will be audited each year by the auditor decided at AGM.
14. Neither the club committee, trustee's or landowners shall be responsible for any injury sustained or damage committed while members are fishing on or travelling to or from its waters.
15. The Annual subscription shall be set by the committee and be payable from Mid-May each year, and that no member will be allowed to fish until subscription has been paid.