

Stoke Climsland Charity Trust **Constitution**

(Amended 1. 30th August 2014)
(Amended 2. 18th February 2019)

1. **Administration of Charity:** The above mentioned Charity and the endowments thereof specified in the scheme hereto and all other endowments (if any) of the Charity shall be administered and managed subject to and in conformity with the provisions of this Scheme under the title of the Stoke Climsland Charity trust (hereinafter referred to as the Charity) by the body of the trustees hereinafter constituted.
2. **Investment of cash:** Sums of cash at any time belonging to the Charity and not needed for the immediate working purposes shall be invested in the name of the Official Custodian for Charities unless the Charity Commissioners otherwise direct.
3. **Areas of Benefit:** In this Scheme the expression “areas of benefit” shall mean the area of the Parish of Stoke Climsland as constituted on 31st March 1934.
4. **Trustees:** The body of Trustees shall consist when complete of 5 competent persons being members of Stoke Climsland Parish Council.
5. **Chairmanship:** The Chair of the Trustees shall be the present Chair of the Parish Council.
6. **Special Meetings:** A special meeting may be summoned at any time by the Chairman or any two Trustees upon not less than four days’ notice being given to the other trustees of the matters to be discussed.
7. **Quorum:** There shall be a quorum when three Trustees are present at a meeting.
8. **Voting:** Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Trustees present and voting the question. In case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote whether he or she has or has not voted previously on the same question, but no Trustee in any other circumstance shall give more than one vote.
9. **Minutes and Accounts:** A minute book and book of accounts shall be kept by the Parish Clerk of account in relation to the Charity should be prepared and transmitted to the Charity Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Charity Act 1960, except if and in so far as the Charity is excepted by Order or regulations.
10. **General power to make regulations:** Within limits prescribed by this scheme the Trustees shall have full power from time to time to make regulations for the management of the Charity and for the conduct of the business including the summoning of meetings, the deposit of money at a proper bank and the custody of documents.
11. **Clerk:** The clerk will be the clerk of the Parish Council.

Application of Income

12. **Expenses of Management:** The Trustees shall first defray out of the income of the Charity all the proper costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the administration and management of the Charity.
13. **Application of Income:** Subject to the payment of the expenses aforesaid the Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity for the advancement of education in accordance with the provision hereinafter contained.
14. **Advancement of education:**
 - 1) The Trustees shall apply income of the Charity applicable for advancing the education of persons who are under 25 years, in need of financial assistance and have attended Stoke Climsland Primary School.
 - 2) The Trustees may provide for such persons financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education (including in the study of music or other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof and to prepare for and enter a profession, trade or calling on leaving school, university or other educational establishment.
 - 3) The Trustees may provide financial assistance to any charitable organisation in the area of benefit which objects include the education or the improvement of conditions of life of persons under the age of 25 years by developing their physical, mental or moral capabilities through leisure-time activities.
 - 4) In exceptional cases the trustees may grant assistance to persons otherwise eligible therefore who are resident immediately outside the area of benefit, have attained the age of 25 years but who in the opinion of the Trustees ought nevertheless to be treated as eligible for assistance.
15. **Appropriation of benefits:** The appropriation of the benefits of the charity shall be made by the Trustees at meetings of their body and separately by any individual Trustee or Trustees.
16. **Trustees not to be personally interested:** No Trustee shall receive remuneration, or be interested in the supply of work or goods, at the cost of the Charity.
17. **Questions under Scheme:** Any questions as to the construction of this Scheme or as to the regularity or validity of any acts done or about to be done under this Scheme shall be determined by the Commissioners upon application made to them for the purpose as they think sufficient.