

ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION  
Of  
THE AYTON GARDENING SOCIETY

(Adopted at the AGM of 30 April 2025)

1. A correction is required to where the number for a quorum at management meetings was not stated in the original constitution, therefore:

**Clause 46 – Amend to read:**

No business shall be dealt with at a meeting of the management committee unless a quorum is present; the quorum for meetings of the management committee shall be 4 members, present in person or electronically.

2. The prime purpose of the society since inception has been to organise and run the Ayton Show including ancillary fund raising for this. There have been some specific one-off gardening inspired activities such as garden visits and workshops but the Objects in the constitution do not reflect how the society is operating. Amendments are needed to correct this but also allows the other activities to be carried out without the need of the full committee to manage thus reducing the burden on committee members, therefore:

**Objects – Amend to read:**

The association's objects are:

- (a) To promote and produce an annual open show for both display and competition in horticultural, creative and artistic pursuits,
- (b) To foster and promote gardening, horticulture, creative and artistic development across the local community.

**Powers – Amend**

Omit (a) and re-letter all subsequent paragraphs

3. To allow other activities to be carried out without the need for the full committee needing to be involved on a day to day basis they should be undertaken by means of sub-committees, therefore:

**Clause 51 – Amend to read:**

The management committee should delegate any of their powers to a sub-committee to undertake activities other than the annual open show, each sub-committee consisting of one or more management committee members and any such other persons (if any) as the management committee may determine; they may also delegate to the chair of the association (or the holder of any other post) such of their powers as they may consider appropriate.

4. Clarification is required for membership as this is provided automatically when a person enters a class within the Ayton Show

**Clause 6 – Amend to read:**

Any person entering any class within the Ayton Show and paying the entry fee automatically becomes a member, any other person wishing to become a member must sign, and lodge with the association, a written or electronic application for membership. Only where written application is made do clauses 7 & 8 below apply.