

Pershore Plum Festival

Constitution



The full title of the committee is The Pershore Plum Festival Committee

1. Aims and Objectives

- 1.1 To organise an annual Plum Festival with plum related events, activities and products over the growing season local to the town of Pershore.
- 1.2 To promote local plum production and marketing including local and traditional varieties and methods.
- 1.3 Research and promote the history of plum growing in the local area
- 1.4 To further tourism in the local area thereby enhancing the local economy and local distinctiveness.
- 1.5 To promote education, awareness and healthy eating for local people (particularly children)
- 1.6 Establish relevant links nationally and internationally to enhance the festival and its objectives.

2. Festival Officers

The Officers of the Festival Committee shall be as follows

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

3. Voting/election of committee

3.1 Voting for the election of Officers will take place at an Annual General Meeting to be held in October.

3.2 All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same position or another position for subsequent years.

4. Meetings

4.1 The committee will meet on a regular basis at a time and place agreed by the committee members (called by the Chair) with increasing frequency towards the Festival period.

4.2 Committee members will be encouraged from local organizations' and a quorum for meetings will be 6 to include 1 Officer.

4.3 The Committee will have the power to co-opt members as deemed necessary

4.4 The purpose of these meetings is to receive reports from Sub Committees of matters arising since the last meeting

4.5 Ensure the general smooth running of the Festival

5. Financial

5.1 A bank account will be held in the name of the organisation i.e. Pershore Plum Festival into which all revenue will be paid

5.2 Signatories on cheques will be 2 out of 4 Officers i.e.

Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

5.3 The financial year for the organisation to end 31st December

5.4 Certified accounts will be presented to the Annual General Meeting

6. Resignation and Dissolution

- 6.1 Any committee member wishing to resign their position must give written notice to the committee, so that an alternative member can be elected to take on the position.
- 6.2 The Plum Festival Committee may be closed if voted by a two thirds majority. If any bills lay outstanding then they must be paid and if there is any money left over then this will be given to a group with a similar cause.

7. Fundraising

- 7.1 The sub committee for sponsorship and fundraising shall be responsible for all fundraising activities and to seek sponsorship to contribute to the development and growth of the Festival
- 7.2 The committee will decide how any funds raised through organised events shall be used although all suggestions from the stakeholders shall be considered.

8. Changes to the Festival Constitution

- 8.1 Changes can be implemented if approved by a majority vote obtained at an annual or a general meeting of the Festival Committee.