

Friends of Radford's Green Environment – “FoRGE”

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the group is **Friends of Radford's Green Environment, “FoRGE”**.

2. Aims

The aims of FoRGE are:

- To promote, enhance and, where possible, improve and extend the green environment of Radford Semele for community enjoyment and safety, and to support wildlife. Areas include the village's parks, public walkways and land underdevelopment.
- To improve access to nearby green corridors such as the National Cycle Network (Route 41 Offchurch Greenway) & the Grand Union Canal.
- To support, encourage and take part in initiatives that mitigate climate change
- To communicate issues that support FoRGE's aims via all suitable media and listen to villagers' environmental concerns and help to address them where possible.
- To provide a community voice in shaping the development of the village as a green and safe environment in which to live.
- To enable residents to be better informed about the development of the village in relation to its (and their) green spaces.

Powers

To pursue these Aims, FoRGE shall have powers to:

- a) Open a Bank Account
- b) Raise funds
- c) Take out insurance
- d) Organise events
- e) Work with other groups and exchange information
- f) Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims

3. Management and Members

The business of FoRGE is managed and administrated by a core team of no more than ten FoRGE members.

Membership of FoRGE is open to anyone who lives in the village of Radford Semele or the surrounding area who wishes to help the group in the pursuit of its aims. Membership can be registered online via the FoRGE website: <http://www.radfordforge.org>. There is at present no membership fee.

Members may cease their membership at any time by contacting the FoRGE management and admin team, either in person, via the website or email.

4. Equal Opportunities

FoRGE will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.

5. Meetings

There shall be at least six meetings a year of the core team. These meetings shall be open to any member of FoRGE, who may speak. The date, place and time of meeting shall be publicised via Facebook ([friendsofradfordsgreenenvironment](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofradfordsgreenenvironment/) / <https://goo.gl/TPdNbA>) and on the website.

5.1. Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held and the date, venue and time publicised at least one month in advance via social media, FoRGE website and public notices in the village.

Special General Meetings will be arranged at the request of members.

All members will be given four weeks notice of the AGM and two weeks notice of an SGM, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, and notice may be by telephone, email or post.

6. Rules of Procedure for meetings

All questions that arise at any meeting will be discussed openly and the meeting will seek to find general agreement that everyone present can agree to.

If a consensus cannot be reached a vote will be taken and a decision will be **made by a simple majority of members present**.

Document storage

FoRGE documents will henceforth be stored online: <http://bit.ly/forge-documents>

8. Finances

- a) Any money obtained by FoRGE shall be used only for FoRGE and activities agreed and supported by FoRGE.
- b) Bank accounts opened by FoRGE shall be in the name of FoRGE
- c) An appointed Treasurer shall manage the finances of FoRGE, including overseeing bank accounts
- d) Cheques shall be signed by any two of the below nominated individuals:

Dave Steele, Judy Steele, Naomi Northey, Nick Rabson

When using Internet banking and telephone banking, the delegated individual to operate these is: Dave Steele – *Bank will require us to include a power to provide indemnities*

9. Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended or altered at the AGM or at an SGM called specifically for that purpose. Proposed amendments should be circulated with notice of the meeting. A two thirds majority of those present is required to approve this.

10. Dissolution

FoRGE may be dissolved by a two thirds majority voting at an AGM or SGM.

This constitution was agreed at the AGM on March 30 2021

Signed by:

NameNick Rabson.....

NameDave Steele.....

Signed

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NameNaomi Northey.....

NameJudy Steele.....

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