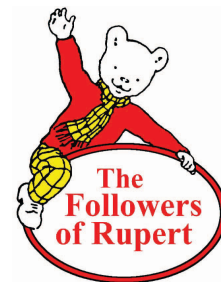


We All Stand Together

Constitution & Rules



1 Name

The Society shall be called "The Followers of Rupert".

2 Objects

The objects of the Society are:

- a) To promote and co-ordinate the appreciation of the stories of Rupert Bear.
- b) To provide for the exchange of information and material relevant thereto.

3 Membership

- a) Application for membership shall be made to and approved by the Membership Secretary.
- b) Membership shall be on an annual basis, but the purchase (or conferment) of multiple years may be offered from time to time as agreed by the Committee.
- c) Membership entitlements shall cease on a member's renewal date if no renewal payment has been received, always providing that they receive their annual allocation of publications.
- d) Membership will cease entirely where a member's renewal payment is three months in arrears.
- e) Membership Types

There shall be three types of membership available as follows:

- i. Individual – for just one person on payment of the appropriate fee.
- ii. Joint – for two members of the same family group or household on payment of the appropriate fee.
- iii. Honorary – membership conferred on an individual from whom no membership fee is required. This type of membership must be confirmed by a majority vote at an AGM and can be revoked similarly.

f) Membership Levels

There shall be three levels of membership available as follows:

- a. Full – open to all membership types and, for each 12-month period of their membership, providing these entitlements:
 - i. all printed copies of the Nutwood Newsletter (and other publications as agreed from time to time by the Committee) issued in that period.
 - ii. access to the private 'Members Only' area of The Followers' website with access to downloadable copies of the Nutwood Newsletter (and other publications as agreed from time to time by the Committee).
 - iii. eligibility to belong to The Followers' Facebook Group.
 - iv. eligibility to make purchases from The Followers' Sales List and any other items made available exclusively by The Followers.
 - v. attendance at the AGM with voting rights.
 - vi. access to The Followers' Library.Joint members both have, individually, all the above entitlements except they receive only one set of printed publications between them.
- b. E (Email/Electronic) – open to Individual members only and, for each 12-month period of their membership, providing all the entitlements as defined for Full membership except they will not receive printed copies of publications as defined in sub-clause a(i).
- c. Associate – open to Individual members only and, for each 12-month period of their membership, providing only the following entitlements:
 - i. access the 'Associate Members' area of The Followers' website.
 - ii. eligibility to make purchases from The Followers' Sales List and any other items made available exclusively by The Followers.

Associate Members have no voting rights.

4 Election of Officers

- a) The following officers of the Society shall be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting:
- i. Chairman
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Membership Secretary
 - v. Sales Officer
 - vi. Librarian/Archivist
 - vii. Minutes Secretary
 - viii. Website Manager
 - ix. Website Editor
 - x. Publications Editor
 - xi. Assistant Publications Editor
 - xii. Annual Meeting Organiser

it being provided that a person may hold more than one of the above offices at one time.

- b) Nominations for any of these offices shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 days before the next Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to election at that meeting.
- c) In the event of an officer resigning during his term the vacancy may be filled by co-option by the remainder of the Committee.
- d) An Honorary President may be elected

5 Committee

The Society shall be administered by a Committee comprising the Officers of the Society and up to four other Members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting

6 Finance

- a) The Annual Subscription rates for the different levels of Membership shall be approved from time to time by the Society.
- b) The Treasurer shall receive all money due to the Society and shall keep appropriate accounts.
- c) An auditor shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting, the procedure for nomination and election being the same as for the election of Officers under Rule 4(b).

7 Annual Reports

Annual Reports dealing with finance, membership, publications and the library shall be compiled by the appropriate Officers and shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting following the end of the financial year.

8 Annual General Meeting and Financial Year

The Annual General Meeting shall take place between June and October inclusive in each year and the Financial Year shall end on 31 March.

9 Library

With a view to achieving its objects the Society may establish a Library which shall be administered by the Librarian in accordance with the Rules governing the Library. Any alteration to the Library rules shall be made by the Committee.

The Committee may make a grant to the Library from the funds of the Society for the purchase of appropriate books and other material

10 Publications

An Editorial Panel appointed by the Committee will be responsible for editing and publishing the Nutwood Newsletter.

11 Alteration to Constitution and Rules

These rules may be altered by resolution of an Annual General Meeting of the Society provided that:

- a) Notice of the motion to alter the Rules has been given to the Secretary at least 30 days before the next following Annual General Meeting whereupon the Secretary shall arrange for the motion to appear in the notice convening the Meeting.
- b) The motion shall not succeed unless supported by at least two thirds of those present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

12 Dissolution

If at any Annual General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Society is passed by a majority of the members present and voting the Committee shall thereupon make arrangements for the discharge of the liabilities of the Society and for the transfer of all assets of the Society, including the contents of the Library, to such body as the Committee shall think fit and upon completion of such transfer the Society shall be dissolved.

Committee Elected 30th August 2025

Chairman Roger Coombes, email: chairman@rupertbear.co.uk

Secretary Alan Murray, email: secretary@rupertbear.co.uk

Treasurer..... Charles Knape, email: treasurer@rupertbear.co.uk

Membership Secretary Chris Hellen, email: membership@rupertbear.co.uk

Sales Officer..... Mark Hackney, email: sales@rupertbear.co.uk

Librarian/Archivist..... Lizzie Hackney, email: librarian@rupertbear.co.uk

Minutes Secretary No one was elected but John Lester volunteered to take
..... on the role.

Website Manager/Facebook Administrator Jordy Schaap, email: jordy.schaap@rupertbear.co.uk

Website Editor Pamela Stones, email: pamela.stones@rupertbear.co.uk

Publications Editor Pamela Stones, email: pamela.stones@rupertbear.co.uk

Assistant Publications Editor Michael Ward, email mike.ward@rupertbear.co.uk

Annual Meeting Organiser Charles Knape (as above)

As agreed at AGM 30 August 2025