

The British Society of Dowsers, Constitution for Affiliated Local Group

1. **The name** of the Group is...**The Thames Valley Dowsing Group.**

2. **The Objects** for which the Group is established are:
 - To encourage the study and advancement of the knowledge and scientific principles of dowsing in all its forms and applications including:
 - The search for subterranean watercourses, cavities, tunnels, ores and other entities, concealed by natural or artificial means.

 - The study of the Earth Energies both in sacred and secular spaces./
 - The study of telluric and other subtle energies wherever they may be found.

 - The diagnosis of disease and restoration of health in human beings and animals, trees and plants.

 - The improvement of agriculture and to the quest for lost or missing objects, animate and inanimate.

 - The Location and identification of archaeological remains

3. **Membership**
 - a) Membership is open to any person wishing to support the objects of the Group. Applications are subject to the approval of the Committee.
 - b) Membership fees will be decided by a majority vote of members at a General Meeting.
 - c) Members are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics of The British Society of Dowsers.
 - d) Any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, behaves in a way likely to bring the Group into disrepute may have his or her membership terminated by that Committee.

4. **General Meetings**
 - a) The Annual General Meeting should be held within three months of the end of each financial year of the Group and a report of the Group's financial situation shall be presented to the meeting.
 - b) Other General Meetings shall be convened by the Committee or upon request of 10% of the membership.
 - c) A quorum for General Meetings shall be 10% of the membership or 3 members, whichever shall be the greater.

- d) Twenty eight days notice of any General meeting should be sent to every member.
- e) All matters relating to the Constitution of the Group put to a vote at a General Meeting will be carried by a clear majority of two thirds of the membership present and voting.
- f) All other matters put to the vote at a General Meeting shall be carried by a clear majority of members present and voting. In the event of a tie the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

5. The Committee

- a) A Committee should be formed to organise the work of the Group and manage its affairs.
- b) The Committee should have a minimum of three members (normally Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and such other members as the General Meeting deems appropriate.
- c) The quorum for Committee meetings shall be determined by the General Meeting. (normally three persons).
- d) Members of the Committee **will be elected to serve a one year term and shall be eligible for re-election.**

6. Affiliation

- a) This Group will be an independent Society affiliated to The British Society of Dowsers (A Company Limited By Guarantee, Registered number 2154580. Registered Charity Number 295911), recognising the similarity of the Objects and desirability of mutual support as being beneficial in pursuit of these Objects.
- b) The Group should promote awareness of the BSD and its activities with support from the BSD. The aspiration is for all Local Group members to be members of the BSD.
- c) This Group agrees that it will, on any headed notepaper and other publications bearing the name of the Society, state 'Affiliated to The British Society of Dowsers'.
- d) This Group agrees that affiliation shall be at the discretion of The British Society of Dowsers.

7. Training

Affiliated Local Groups are encouraged to provide training facilities for their members. The Groups should consider sponsoring their Training Officer to attend the Society's annual Tutor Orientation Weekend thereby gaining the advantages that the Society's training scheme provides.

8. Website

Affiliated Groups are invited to take advantage of the Society's offer for hosting and maintenance of their Website (details attached).

Programme details may also be listed on the BSD Website although please ensure that a system exists for details to be forwarded to BSD Office by email.

9. Journal

Affiliated Local Groups are welcome to advertise their programme details in the Society’s Journal, Dowsing Today, at no charge. It is recommended that a Committee member is responsible for forwarding such details to BSD Office on a regular basis. We ask that published copy dates are adhered to.

10. Insurance

Affiliated Local Groups are welcome to join the Society’s Third Party Insurance Scheme.

11. Council Member Visits

It is the aim of the Society that each Affiliated Local Group should receive a visit from a Council Member at least once a year.

This agreement and Constitution to be an Affiliated Local Group to The British Society of Dowsers was accepted on 26th June 2005

Signed.....Chairman

SignedTreasurer

Signed.....Member of Committee

Acceptance of this agreement is to be recorded in the minutes of the Group, one copy being retained in the Group’s records and one returned to BSD Office.