



## CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS 2024

### 1 **Nomenclature.**

The name of the Club shall be the “Wolseley Hornet Special Club”

For the purposes of the Club rules, a Wolseley Hornet Special is defined as a Wolseley Hornet Special chassis equipped with a Wolseley Hornet engine, both to the specification as manufactured by Wolseley Motors (1927) Ltd, and fitted with open or closed sports coachwork in keeping with the years of manufacture (1932 – 1936). This includes but is not limited to Sanction Numbers 65, 78, 114, 127, and 163.

The club also recognises Wolseley Hornet Sports models. For the purposes of the Club rules, a Wolseley Hornet Sports is defined as a Wolseley Hornet chassis equipped with a Wolseley Hornet engine, both to the specification as manufactured by Wolseley Motors (1927) Ltd, and fitted with open or closed sports coachwork in keeping with the years of manufacture (1930 – 1931). This includes but is not limited to Sanction Numbers CF3 and 51.

### 2 **Constitution of the Club.**

The Club shall consist of members in the United Kingdom and Overseas and be known as the Club. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a National Committee whose Officers shall be drawn from Club members.

For members’ convenience, local areas may be set up, each with its own Area Secretary. Each may also have a Committee of up to three additional members. These are known as Area Committees.

If the partner of an existing member is elected to office they do not need to be a member in their own right.

### 3 **Object.**

To encourage the preservation and use of Wolseley Hornets, Sports & Specials.

### 4 **Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

The AGM to be held within three months of the financial year-end for the purpose of:

- a. Approving the committee’s annual report on the work of the Club during the preceding financial year.
- b. Electing officers for the forth-coming year. Existing officers shall notify their intention to stand for re-election to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.
- c. Approving the annual financial statement signed by the Treasurer and co-signed by an auditor or a Club member authorised by the National Committee.
- d. Considering any motion that has been raised by the members and has been notified to the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM.



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- e. Noting any other matters for consideration by the Committee.
- f. Holding a Concours d'Elegance for members' cars and the presentation of trophies.

Only paid up members (including life members but excluding associate members) are eligible to vote. Members unable to attend the AGM may instruct the Secretary in writing to act as proxy to cast their vote on any motion or election.

The AGM shall, whenever possible, be held with members gathered together in one location. The AGM may also include members joining in by video conferencing or other suitable technologies. In circumstances where it is not possible or practicable for members to gather together the entire AGM may be held using video conferencing or other suitable technologies.

## 5 Election of Officers and Committees.

- a) **National Committee.** The National Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Registrar, Spares Secretary, Events Secretary, Magazine Editor and Webmaster. All these officers shall be elected at the National AGM, and shall automatically retire from office after one year and shall be eligible for re-election, subject to a maximum term of office of 3 years for the Chairman only.

The national committee may co-opt members to serve as Publicity Officers.

In the event of a vacancy the national committee may co-opt members to serve as full committee members until a suitable candidate volunteers or the next Annual General Meeting.

The committee shall appoint one of its number as vice-chairman.

- b) **Area Committees.** The Secretary and, if any, committee members of an area shall be elected at a meeting of that area to be held each year. The elected Secretary of each Area will be automatically co-opted on to the National Committee of the Club.

Where an area is unable to hold a quorate meeting for the purpose of an election, the National Committee should call upon all area members to volunteer and stand for election to the position of Area Secretary at a National AGM. Interim arrangements may be made.

- c) **Exceptions, Traders:** No member who is deemed by the National Committee to be a trader may be elected either to the National Committee or to an Area Committee.

## 6 Membership of the Club.

Membership shall be open to enthusiasts towards Wolseley Hornets, Sports & Specials.

## 7 Refusal of membership.

The right is reserved by the National Committee to refuse any application for membership and to refuse to renew an existing membership; the reasons for such refusal will be given and appeal against such a decision will be allowed.



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## 8 **Binding nature of Club Rules.**

Applicants accepted for membership are bound by the rules of the Club and shall be deemed to have full knowledge thereof.

## 9 **Presidents and Life members.**

The National Committee may appoint any distinguished person to the honorary position of President. The National Committee may appoint any appropriate person as a life member of the Club.

## 10 **Annual Subscription.**

The Club is funded by an annual subscription.

- a) The National Committee will review the subscription annually and the amount will be announced by the Treasurer at the AGM. The Club financial year commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April and subscriptions are valid from a member's date of entry to the following 31<sup>st</sup> March, except when a member joins on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January, in which case his/her initial subscription shall be at a higher rate and shall include the following year.
- b) Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after 31<sup>st</sup> May shall be considered to be no longer a member and only fully paid up members of the Club are eligible to compete in Club events or in events to which the Club is invited.
- c) The National Committee will review late renewal fees annually and the amount, if any, will be announced by the Treasurer at the AGM.

## 11 **Expenses.**

From time to time both members and officers of the Club will incur expenses on behalf of the Club. Receipts must be submitted unless exceptional circumstances prevail to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Prior to any expenditure outside of the normal activities of that member or officer, approval shall be obtained from the Treasurer. In unusual circumstances or when large sums are involved the Treasurer will seek further guidance from the National Committee.

## 12 **Amendments to Club Rules.**

Alteration or additions to these rules shall only be made by the National Committee of the Club at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club or by consulting all the members.

## 13 **Extraordinary General Meeting called by National Committee.**

The National Committee may request, at any time, that the Secretary calls an EGM of the National Club or of an Area of the Club, giving at least 21 days' notice of such a meeting and specifying why it is to be called.

## 14 **Extraordinary General Meetings called by Members.**



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**National:** The National Secretary shall call a National EGM if requested to do so by written petition signed by at least fifteen Club members, giving at least 21 days' notice of such a meeting and specifying why it is to be called.

**Area:** An Area Secretary shall call an Area Meeting if requested to do so by written petition signed by at least five members of that area, giving at least 21 days' notice of such a meeting and specifying why it is to be called.

## 15 Attendance of National Committee Meetings.

Any Officer or Committee member who is absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause may, at the discretion of the National Committee, forfeit his membership of the Committee and his seat shall be declared vacant, the vacancy being filled as soon as possible.

## 16 Quorum required.

No matters of policy shall be agreed at any AGM, EGM, National Committee, National sub-Committee or Area Committee Meetings unless a quorum is present. In all cases a quorum may include members present by video conferencing or other suitable technologies.

- a) At an AGM or EGM fifteen Club Members shall be deemed a quorum.
- b) At a National Committee Meeting six members shall be deemed a quorum.
- c) At a Committee Meeting or EGM of an area five members of that area shall be deemed a quorum.
- d) At a National Sub-Committee meeting three members shall be deemed a quorum.

In the event a quorum is not present the meeting shall be adjourned to a day, time and place decided by the Chairman of that meeting.

## 17 Matters not covered by the articles.

The right is reserved by a Committee, either National or Area, to make such special regulations as it deems fit for the conduct or safety of any event, and to use their discretion on any point not covered by the rules.

**Dated June 2024**

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