



Constitution 2018

1. **NAME** – The trading name of the club is The Vespa Club of Britain.
2. **PURPOSE** – The purpose of the VCB is to encourage and support all types of Vespa related activities and preserving the Club and Vespa history from 1946 till present day.
3. **OWNERSHIP** – The club is owned and operated by Vespa Club Ltd, a company limited by guarantee, a managing committee made up of VCB Members will be appointed by the board of Directors which will include the five Directors of Vespa Club Ltd who will administer the club on behalf of The Vespa Club of Britain membership. All the Managing Committee will be appointed by The Directors pursuant to the memorandum and Articles of Association. The Club is recognised by The Vespa World Club.
4. **MEMBERSHIP** – Full Membership of The Vespa Club of Britain is open to anyone aged 16 and over with an interest in Vespa scooters whether or not they own one.
 - 4.1. There are three types of Membership - Full, Overseas and Family, current membership fees are listed on the VCB's website www.vespaclubofbritain.co.uk.
 - 4.2. All membership applications are subject to the approval of the Managing Committee, which reserves the right to refuse or cease membership if this is considered to be in the interest of the club.
 - 4.3. Honorary Membership – is reserved for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Vespa Club of Britain and requires agreement from the Management Committee.
 - 4.4. Members will be eligible to attend and vote at the club's annual general meeting on production of a valid membership card.
 - 4.5. Family Membership – This is made up of two Adults and up to 3 Children under the age of 18, each member will receive a membership card but will only receive one copy of Vespa News.
 - 4.6. 'Overseas' Membership – This will entitle anyone not living in the United Kingdom to join the Vespa Club of Britain and receive a copy of Vespa News and will entitle them to use the VCB's discount scheme. They can apply for entry to Vespa World Club events via the VCB subject to surplus available tickets, but they cannot vote at the Club's AGM.
5. **VCB BRANCHES**
 - 5.1. Vespa Club of Britain Branches will be made up of at least 3 current VCB Members, anyone falling below that number will be notified and after a period of time may be struck off as an Official VCB Branch.
 - 5.2. VCB Members can be members of their own Local branch, as well as being a member of a National Branch for instance the GTS Owners Club or the Veteran Vespa Club.
 - 5.3. All Branches can seek to have a new or redesigned cog badge designed and approved by the VCB Management Committee, however the actual design will remain the property of The Vespa Club Ltd, however as long as the Branch is current they have the permission to use the design for their Branch.
6. **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS** –
 - 6.1. Members will receive a copy of the club publication (currently 6 copies a year) plus access to the club's website for news, technical advice and other information.

- 6.2. Members will also be eligible for any discounts that are made available by retailers to VCB Members, any abuse will not be tolerated.
- 6.3. The Managing Committee will organise at least 2 events each year for its members, based on the current membership's wishes in style and location, but mainly social occasions, members are encouraged to ride, display and promote their Vespa's and the Vespa Club of Britain at all times.
- 6.4. The Club will organise a shop for members with a selected stock of clothing, badges, stickers and general items and the Managing Committee must strive to get the best value for members at all times for the members.
7. **LIABILITY** – In as far as the Directors are able, some of the liabilities of the company arising from the club's day to day activities are protected by a policy issued by the British Motorcycle Federation (BMF) . The club's organised events have specific liability cover from the Auto-Cycle Union (ACU) as required based on each events' merits.
- 7.1. The Vespa Club of Britain, its officers and committee members accept no liability in respect of them performing any of their obligations in the running of the club/company. It is a matter for each individual to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of any course, facility, advice or product (including machinery and clothing) offered by venues, landowners, advertisers or manufacturers and of any individuals to ensure that adequate insurance and medical arrangements have been made to protect their interests with regard to any activity undertaken.
- 7.2. Club events will have insurance arranged as befits the nature and exposure of the occasion. Where appropriate, The Vespa Club of Britain buys cover from the ACU in the form of a permit. The current procedure should be followed and is available from The General Secretary.
8. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – The Board of Directors will conduct the proceedings of the club in the accordance with the Articles of Association and includes financial accounting. There will be a maximum of five directors, with the President acting as the Managing Director, Finance Director acting as Club Treasurer, the Company Secretary acting as General Secretary and two untitled Directors (at present). Only one director will seek election at each AGM in order to maintain continuity.
9. **GENERAL MEETINGS** – all general meetings will be in accordance with the Articles of Association.
10. **COMPLAINTS** – Any member is entitled to complain about anything over which the Vespa Club of Britain has control and must submit the complaint in writing via a member of the Managing Committee.
- 10.1. The Managing Committee will determine any action needed and notify the complainant of their decision.
11. **BRINGING THE CLUB INTO DISREPUTE** – If any VCB Member is found to bring the club and its name or function into disrepute, the Management Committee have the right to remove the person's membership with immediate effect and could lead to a period of suspension of club membership and activities.
12. **VESPA WORLD CLUB** – The Vespa Club of Britain should at all times support the aims and events that are organised by the World Club, the Managing Committee should at such times submit applications to host Vespa World Days in a suitable area of the country, without bringing the club into disrepute or financial liability.
- THIS IS THE VESPA CLUB OF BRITAIN'S CONSTITUTION AS VOTED AT THE AGM OF 2014.
 - REVIEWED AT THE AGM IN JAN 2016 IN BLACKPOOL WITH 3 AMENDMENTS AGREED AND MADE.
 - REVIEWED AT THE AGM IN JAN 2018 IN COVENTRY WITH 2 AMENDMENTS AGREED AND MADE.