

THE SHARPSHOOTERS YEOMANRY ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity ref. 803784

1. TITLE of the Organisation to be “The Sharpshooters Yeomanry Association”
2. ADDRESS: 10 Stone Buildings, Lincoln’s Inn, London WC2 3TG
3. DEFINITION: “The Regiment” means any Unit that includes in its title the name “Sharpshooters” viz:
 - 3rd County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)
 - 23rd London Armoured Car Company (Sharpshooters)
 - 4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)
 - 3rd/4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)
 - Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)
 - C (Kent & Sharpshooters Yeomanry) Squadron, Royal Yeomanry
 - 265 (KCLY) Signal Squadron (Sharpshooters), 71st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment
 - HQ (KCLY) Squadron (Sharpshooters), 71st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment
 - 265 (KCLY) Support Squadron (Sharpshooters), 71st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment
4. MEMBERSHIP is open to:
 - a. all men and women (irrespective of rank) who have served, are serving or will serve in the Regiment.
 - b. all men and women (irrespective of rank) of any Arms or Corps attached or any other Unit of HM Services who have served with, or are serving permanently with any Unit or sub-Unit of the Regiment.
5. OBJECTS of the Association are:
 1. to promote the efficiency of the Army by:
 - a. maintaining contact between past and present members of the Regiment, fostering mutual friendship between them and providing for social gatherings for them.
 - b. fostering esprit de corps, comradeship and the welfare of the Regiment and preserving its traditions.
 2. to relieve either generally or individually members of the association or past and present members of the Regiment, and their dependants, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress (hereinafter referred to as beneficiaries).
 3. in furtherance of the foregoing Objects but not further or otherwise the Association, through its Committee, shall have the following powers:
 - a. to take all necessary action for publicising and disseminating information and concerning the histories, deeds and traditions of the regiment and for the encouragement of recruiting;
 - b. to execute and administer exclusively charitable trusts;
 - c. to receive take and accept any gifts of property whether subject to any special trusts or not;
 - d. to receive and accept contributions by way of subscriptions, donations and otherwise to raise funds for the said Objects provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activity in raising funds for its charitable Objects;
 - e. to assist beneficiaries by way of grants, gifts, pensions or otherwise or by providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of beneficiaries;
 - f. to pay for such items, services or facilities by way of donation or subscriptions to charitable institutions or organisations which provide or which undertake in return to provide such items , services or facilities for beneficiaries,
 - g. subject to such consents as may from time to time be required by law to purchase, take lease or exchange any property required for the purposes of the Association and lease exchange or otherwise dispose of the same;
 - h. subject to such consents as may from time to time be required by law to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Association on such terms and on such security as may thought to be fit;
 - i. to invest funds of the Association in such investments as may from time to time be authorised by law;

- j. to accumulate funds of the Association for such periods as may from time to time be authorised by law;
- k. to do all such things as shall further the said Objects.

6. MANAGEMENT

- a. The Association to be managed by a committee of not more than 20 members, of which 12 are to be elected members and 8 are to be ex-officio.
- b. Ex Officio members to be:
 - Officer Commanding and Sergeant Major of the following serving units:
 - C (KSY) Squadron, Royal Yeomanry
 - 265 (KCLY) Support Squadron (Sharpshooters), 71st (Y) Signal Regiment.
 - Branch Chairman of the following Association Branches:
 - The KSY Association (Croydon Branch)
 - KCLY (Sharpshooters) Association (Bexleyheath Branch)
- c. The Committee to meet twice a year and at a meeting immediately preceding the Annual General meeting, to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and such additional members as may be necessary and to appoint an Honorary Auditor.
- d. The Committee to appoint Trustees as and when required to hold the property of the Association.
- e. The Committee to manage generally the business of the Association. Five members to form a quorum.
- f. In rotation, one quarter of the elected members of the Committee shall retire annually and at the ensuing Annual General Meeting the Committee strength shall be restored by election.

7. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Alterations to this constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Association at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed. Provided that no alteration made to clause 5, clause 8 or this clause, shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be a charity in law.

8. DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days' notice shall have been given to the members. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having Objects similar to some or all of the Objects of the Association as the Association may determine and if so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.