

The Yorkshire Mesh Radio Club Constitution

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Statement of Principles

The Yorkshire Mesh Radio Club is founded on the belief that amateur radio is a platform for learning, experimentation, and community. We value:

- **Inclusivity:** Welcoming all individuals regardless of background, location, or experience.
- **Innovation:** Encouraging exploration of and experimentation in amateur radio, resilient communications, portable operations, and other related fields.
- **Collaboration:** Sharing knowledge, supporting one another, and building a vibrant community.
- **Transparency:** Operating with openness in decision-making, finance, and governance.
- **Accessibility:** Ensuring participation through a variety of different means such as online meetings and in-person events.

These principles guide our activities, our interactions, and our growth as a club.

1. Name

The club shall be known as **The Yorkshire Mesh Radio Club** and the abbreviation **YMRC**.

2. Aims

The aims of the Club are to:

- Promote and develop amateur radio, with a special focus on mesh technologies and portable operations.
- Encourage experimentation, education, and collaboration among radio amateurs and other interested parties.
- Support members in expanding their technical knowledge, particularly in RF, digital modes, and resilient communications.
- Facilitate inclusive participation through online meetings and shared portable activities.

3. Membership

Membership is open to all individuals who support the Club's aims and values, regardless of age, gender, nationality, or location.

Membership to the club is currently Free of charge, we have done our best to set up the club in such a manner that the ongoing running costs are as minimal as possible however we do rely on voluntary donations in order to keep things running.

4. Finance

- The Club shall maintain a bank account and a PayPal account.
- Financial reports will be presented at each members' meeting and annually at the AGM.
- Withdrawals require the Treasurer and one other officer's approval.

5. Club Officers

The Club shall elect the following officers at the AGM:

- **Chair**
- **Secretary / Treasurer**
- **Safeguarding / Youth Outreach**

Additional officers may be elected as needed by the members.

6. Committee

- The Committee shall consist of elected officers and up to three additional members.
- The Committee administers the Club's affairs and may co-opt members with or without voting rights.
- The Quorum for Committee meetings is three members.

7. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Held annually in September.
- All members may attend and are eligible to vote on any matters.
- 21 days' notice will be given.

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of Previous AGM
3. Chair's Report
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
5. Other Officers' Reports

6. Election of Officers
7. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution
8. Any Other Business (submitted in advance to the committee)

8. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

- May be called by the Committee or by one-third of paid members.
- 14 days' notice will be given.
- Only business on the agenda may be discussed.

9. Amendments to the Constitution

- Amendments may only be made at an AGM or EGM.
- Proposed changes must be submitted to the Chair at least 14 days in advance.

10. Winding Up

- The Club may only be dissolved at an EGM.
- Any remaining funds shall be disposed of as directed by the current members present, preferably to a charity or another amateur radio club.