



U.K. Autoharps Constitution

1. The Association shall be called 'UK Autoharps' and shall be administered by an elected committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Membership Secretary and Treasurer, Advanced Organiser, Training Co-ordinator, Loaner Autoharp Co-ordinator and a Communications Co-ordinator, plus such other ordinary members as determined by the membership. Role descriptions for each officer are available.
2. **The aim of the Association** is to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of, and interest in, the autoharp, and to help and encourage the development and playing skills of all the members.
3. The Association will arrange at least 3 **training days** each year, **and other events** on an opportunity basis, as well as encourage attendance on other autoharp-related events, in order to further the aims of the Association.
4. The Association will obtain, and maintain a number of **loaner autoharps** which will be available to new players for a small fee, for a limited period, under the terms of a loan agreement (appended).
5. **The Association will communicate** with members and prospective members whenever possible mainly through electronic means. A webmaster, appointed by the committee, will be maintained to further the aims and promote the Association, while an Editor, also appointed by the committee will publish 2 editions of Autoharp Notes each year for the benefit of the members. Role descriptions for the Webmaster and the Editor are available.
6. **The Annual General Meeting** will be held at the last training day each year. At this meeting the committee will be elected, and the accounts will be presented for ratification. These accounts will be completed to the end of the month preceding the AGM. Other items may be discussed in accordance with the agenda, and any member may raise items under any other business, provided that due notice has been given (as described in the calling notice for the AGM).
7. A minimum of 5 members may also request that an **Extraordinary General Meeting** be held to discuss specific issues of an urgent nature at a planned event, provided that at least 3 weeks notice is given.
8. **The annual membership fee** shall be due on 1st January each year, and shall be as determined by the committee and ratified by the previous year's AGM.