

# Deva Legion, Chester



## Constitution 2026

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Constitution is to give structure and consistency to the way the Chapter is managed and in the spirit of the H.O.G. Chapter Charter. All members, and particularly committee members, should have a good understanding of the rules that apply to the running of the Chapter. No liability shall be entered into by the Chapter or the committee in respect of the goods or services offered by the Chapter.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Deva Legion is a H.O.G Chapter and membership is governed by H.O.G. Members must be current members of the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.). Those wishing to become members shall submit a completed annual application, together with the appropriate membership fee. Data supplied is for chapter use only and can be accessed by all committee members. The Chapter reserves the right to refuse membership.

Members shall, in all cases, be bound by the terms and principles of the H.O.G. Chapter Charter and the Chapter Constitution (found on the Deva Legion website). Members shall recognise that the Chapter ethos of 'ride and have fun' is central to the wellbeing of the Chapter.

- A full member will be entitled to all Chapter benefits and can participate as a rider or pillion on ride-outs. The cost of full chapter membership for 2026 is £28.

*Only a full member can sponsor an associate member - they can withdraw this sponsorship at any time. An associate member does not receive chapter benefits, and can only participate in ride-outs as a pillion. The cost of associate chapter membership for 2026 is £12.*

Membership expires on 31/12/26 and will need to be renewed prior to this date for continuity. Members should ensure that they remain H.O.G members throughout the duration of their Deva Legion membership period, this will be monitored by the Chapter Committee. Under 18s may be associate members, but their attendance on ride-outs and social activities is the responsibility of the sponsoring member, and as such they should always be present. Some activities will not be suitable for U18s. Membership can be refused or rescinded at any time at the instruction of the Chapter Director. This may be invoked as part of a breach of the Chapter Constitution, or any ruling, guideline, policy, procedure or law. The Deva Legion, Chester accepts no responsibility for damage or loss to any members' property or reputation as a result of chapter activities.

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Only full and associate members (and Director-specified guests) will have access to the Deva Legion Facebook Group.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Honour the Chapter Constitution and the spirit of the H.O.G. Chapter Charter.
2. Behave in a manner that reflects positively upon the Chapter, and H.O.G. and do not harm the Chapter's reputation or the safety of its members.
3. Treat everyone with value and respect, regardless of their race, nationality, ethnic origin, disability or sex and respect the views of others, even if they are not in line with your own.
4. Do not undermine Chapter events or activities by displaying disruptive or coercive behaviour.
5. Do not engage in conduct that creates segregation or disharmony within the Chapter.
6. Do not make derogatory or defamatory comments towards the Chapter or its members.
7. Abide by reasonable and lawful instructions of members of the committee.

Action will be taken against any member exhibiting behaviour which is in direct opposition to the H.O.G. Chapter Charter and the Chapter Constitution. This action will range from a formal warning to expulsion from the Chapter.

The Committee may suspend or revoke a person's membership of the Chapter if it is determined that a member's conduct is undesirable or contrary to the Chapter's standards or vision. In the event that a decision is made to suspend or revoke a membership in the Chapter the person in question will receive a letter from the Chapter Director confirming the cancellation. This letter will give the reason for the cancellation and the member's Chapter dues will be refunded for the year. A copy of the cancellation letter will be sent to the appropriate Regional H.O.G. Manager.

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### Constitution 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to recap on the year's events, introduce the committee for the forthcoming year to the members and to summarise the financial position of the Chapter.
2. The AGM shall be held in February of each year. Notice of the meeting shall be given at the Chapter meeting and on the Chapter website at the beginning of the year.
3. A list of vacant committee and officer positions will be posted in January in advance of the AGM and members wishing to apply for any of these positions should make it known to the Liaison Officer in writing at least two weeks prior to the AGM so they can be considered by the committee. Where there is more than one suitable candidate for a vacant position, this will go to a vote at the AGM. Primary Officer roles will be chosen by the Director.
4. All full members attending the AGM shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.
5. Where two or more members have put their names forward the member receiving the most yes votes shall be elected. If votes are tied the Chapter Director shall have the casting vote.
6. Unfilled non-primary positions may be filled by suitable candidates throughout the year at the discretion of the committee.

### COMMITTEE

1. The committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Chapter under the leadership of the Director. The responsibility of each of the committee members is outlined in the H.O.G. Chapter Charter.
2. The committee is responsible for developing the Chapter, attracting new members and providing activities and services to its members in line with the H.O.G. Chapter Charter and the Chapter Constitution.
3. Committee meetings will be held monthly and shall take place only if a minimum of 60% of committee members are in attendance.
4. Where a vote is called for at a meeting the majority will rule. In a position of equal votes being cast the decision will be determined by the Director.
5. Once a decision is made (either unanimous or majority) all committee members will support it and details of individual votes will not be made public.
6. Committee members consistently failing to undertake their roles may have their position revoked after consideration by the Director and upon consultation with the appropriate Regional H.O.G. Manager.
7. Committee members shall be entitled to reclaim any reasonable expenses agreed by the committee and/ or the Chapter Director.

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### **Constitution 2026 CHAPTER MEETINGS**

1. Meetings shall be held each month. The purpose of the meetings is to allow the committee to update the members with the various activities that are going on in the Chapter.
2. The meetings are also a vehicle for committee members to meet with, socialise and obtain feedback on Chapter progress and events.
3. The meetings are the main way for members to socialise and every effort shall be made by the committee to ensure these meetings are as friendly and welcoming as possible.

### **FINANCE**

1. At all times, the Chapter shall maintain an independent bank account for the purpose of receiving monies due to the Chapter and for making payments.
2. The bank account balance must be a positive balance at all times. The account shall never be allowed to become overdrawn.
3. No member of the committee or Chapter is authorised to obtain overdraft facilities for or on behalf of the Chapter.
4. The bank account cheque signatories will be the Chapter Director and/ or the Treasurer unless otherwise agreed by the primary officers.

### **ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

1. Constitution to be reviewed annually by the committee.
2. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be discussed with the Chapter Director and requires the approval of the committee.

***Deva Legion Committee (January 2026)***