



## Recovery Devon

### Community Interest Company Structure

#### Formal Structure

This is governed by our Articles of Association, the rules of the company.

Recovery Devon is a company limited by guarantee. Nobody owns shares in a company limited by guarantee, so in that sense it is a non-profit company. However, as a community interest company, it can make a surplus. But if it does so, this must be used for furtherance of the Objects (aims) of the company, to the benefit of the community. If the company were wound up, any residual assets would be given by the CIC Regulator to another similar body.

As a company, we have a Board of Directors, who have day to day responsibility for ensuring the company is properly run. We also have a Managing Director for Recovery Devon, currently James Wooldridge. The directors can set up any committees they wish to help with running the company.

The directors are answerable to the Members of the company. The first members were the people who signed the Memorandum of Association, setting up the company. It is for the directors to decide how other people can become members. We have decided that membership is free, on submission of our Membership Form. This form includes a commitment to 'support and promote the Objects of Recovery Devon', which are stated in brief on the back of the form.

Membership carries both rights and responsibilities. As Recovery Devon is a company limited by guarantee, each member would be liable to the tune of £1 if the company were to become insolvent. However, the members ultimately own the company. They have the final say on its policies and activities. For instance, Article 9.1 states, 'The members may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specific action'. The members can also remove a director from office (Article 24 (g)).

We have decided that members can claim travel expenses, up to 100 miles within Devon, for attendance at meetings.

The Articles include rules governing how (formal) Meetings of members should take place, e.g. the notice required, the quorum, how resolutions can be proposed, etc. Note that these are formal meetings, such as the AGM, rather than the Open Meetings we normally hold. There are also rules on many other aspects of the running of the company.

## Informal Structure

Alongside the formal structure, we have an informal structure, set up by the directors, in order to run the company effectively. Thus we have our Management Board, most of whom have also become directors, which actually provides the day-to-day management of the company.

We have a large group of supporters, most of whom are on our email list, and who often attend our Open Meetings.

We hold monthly Management Board meetings and bi-monthly Open Meetings, plus occasional other meetings, to which all our supporters and any member of the public, is invited. These are part of the informal activities of the company, except for the AGM – or any formal Members' Meetings the directors or members may call in the future.

For more information please see our website - <http://recoverydevon.co.uk/>