

FOUNDING MEMBERS AND THE 1852 RULES

The list of founding members and the Club Rules were extracted from the Club's minute book when the volume for 1852-1865 was compiled. The honorary members' names reflect the strong interest in geology in the Club's early days. The ordinary members were mostly drawn from local landowners and clergymen.

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Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club.

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The founders drew up a set of rules immediately, reproduced below. Today's rules remain true to the spirit of the original, but the details have changed, of course.

*The following original Rules are copied from the Minute Book
of the Club, dated April 13th, 1852.*

RULES

OF THE

Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club.

I.—That a Society be formed under the name of "THE WOOLHOPE NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB" for the practical study, in all its branches, of the Natural History of Herefordshire and the districts immediately adjacent.

II.—That the Club consist of Forty Members, with such Honorary Members as may be admitted from time to time; from which number a President and Honorary Secretary be appointed at the Annual Meeting, to be held at Hereford on the Fourth Monday of January in each year.

III.—That the Members of the Club shall hold three Field Meetings during the year in the most interesting localities for investigation of the Natural History of the district. That the days and places of meeting be selected at the Annual Meeting, and that timely notices of each be communicated to the Members by a circular card from the Secretary.

IV.—That those Members to whom it may be convenient shall breakfast together at the nearest country Inn at 9 o'clock, after which the researches of the day shall commence.

V.—That 4 be the hour appointed for Dinner, after which any papers shall be read by the respective authors. Each Member may introduce a friend on such occasions who must pay his own expenses.

VI.—That the Annual Subscription be Ten Shillings, to be laid out in defraying the cost of printing such papers as may be selected for that purpose by a Committee of Five Members selected at the Annual Meeting from the general body, and to meet any expenses which may be incurred for stationery, postage, &c. That the cost of any lithographic or other illustrations be defrayed by the author of the paper for which they may be required.

VII.—That the papers of the Club be printed in a cheap octavo form.

VIII.—That at the Annual Meeting the President be requested to favour the Club with an address containing a written summary of its proceedings at the several Field Meetings during the previous year, together with such observations from himself as he may deem conducive to the welfare of the Club, and the promotion of its objects.

IX.—That all Candidates for Membership shall be proposed and seconded by existing Members, either verbally or in writing, at any Meeting of the Club, and shall be eligible to be balloted for at the next Meeting, provided there be Five Members present; one black ball in three to exclude.

X.—That Members finding rare or interesting specimens, or observing any remarkable phenomenon relating to any branch of Natural History, shall immediately forward a statement thereof to the Honorary Secretary.

XI.—That the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club undertake the formation of and publication of correct lists of the various Natural productions of the County of Hereford, with such observations as their respective authors may deem necessary.

XII.—That these Rules be printed and a copy sent to each Member.

April 13th, 1852.