

## BAKEWELL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Member,

### **Incorporation of the Society**

As reported in the Newsletter, the Trustees have agreed the need to change the legal status of the Society from an 'Unincorporated Charity' to a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO). Please see "BDHS - Conversion to a CIO" elsewhere in the Newsletter for more information.

In very simple terms, this requires a new incorporated charity (the CIO) to be set up and the existing unincorporated charity to be wound up.

At the AGM to be held at The Friends' Meeting House, Bakewell at 7.30.pm. on 27th February, the Trustees will seek a mandate from the membership to proceed on the basis outlined in the paragraph below.

The Trustees have produced a draft constitution based upon the model recommended by the Charity Commission and it is anticipated that Council will formally agree the draft on 24th January 2019. Subject to a mandate from the membership at the AGM the Trustees will then proceed with the agreed "Incorporation of the charity as a CIO subject to required approvals of the Charity Commission and on the basis of the Charity Commission's standard model constitution, as may be amended in the discretion of the charity Trustees."

The model constitution may be seen at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/727297/Association\\_Model\\_Constitution.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/727297/Association_Model_Constitution.pdf)

The BDHS draft constitution will be posted on the Society's website:

<https://www.oldhousemuseum.org.uk/historysociety>

If you do not have internet access, an inspection copy of the draft constitution will be available at the Museum by prior arrangement with Anita Spencer.

A printed copy of the draft constitution will be available for inspection at the AGM.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to support that mandate if you are present at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

*Stephen Coates*

Acting Chair of Trustees

20th January, 2019