

Branch Byelaws



Reading and Mid Berkshire
Campaign for Real Ale

**Adopted Branch Byelaws
December 2018**

Byelaw 1: Proxy Voting (adopted 9 December 2015)

1. Basic mechanics

- a) Any one eligible CAMRA member can hold one proxy vote from another eligible member.
- b) Once a member has accepted a proxy vote request he cannot then accept a request from another person. Any subsequent requests should be declined and referred back to the requestor, informing them to find another attending member instead.
- c) The request must contain the principal's name and CAMRA membership number and also contain the proxy's name and CAMRA membership number.
- d) One proxy vote is of equal value as one vote cast by a member present

2. Eligible business

- a) It is presumed that proxy voting will be used for any pre-defined agenda item where a vote would normally be required. This will be pre-defined as such on the agenda, as decided between the Chairman and Secretary. This would normally involve elections to committee and normal scheduled voting matters.
- b) Pub of the Year and Good Beer Guide selection will not be eligible for any form of proxy voting.

3. Constitutional issues

- a) Proxy voting can be passed at a branch meeting as a bye-law covering all future meetings. As such, the opposite can also be true.

Byelaw 2: Branch Committee Membership (adopted 8 December 2016)

The Branch Committee shall consist of the following Branch Officials.

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Beer Festival Organiser
- Membership Secretary
- Pub Campaigns Officer
- Secretary
- Social Secretary
- Treasurer

In the event that an individual fulfils more than one of these roles then the Committee shall co-opt such other Branch Officials as they see fit to serve on the Committee until the number of unique individuals on the Committee reaches eight. This co-option shall expire at the following Branch General Meeting.



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Byelaw 3: LocAle Accreditation (adopted 8 December 2016, amended 30 November 2018)

A venue may receive LocAle accreditation from the Branch if real ale brewed within 25 miles of Reading Town Hall Square is available at all times that alcohol is available.

Interpretation:

1. Accreditation is issued for one calendar year. It does not automatically roll-over to subsequent years but may be renewed if appropriate.
2. Accreditation is at the sole discretion of the branch.
3. The method of dispense is not material to accreditation. Hence beer served from a cask, keykeg, bottle or by any other method is acceptable as long as it conforms to CAMRA's definition of real ale.
4. Beer quality is not material to accreditation. Nevertheless, as accreditation is discretionary, the branch may elect to not accredit a venue with poor beer quality if to do so would harm CAMRA's image.
5. A venue is not disqualified from accreditation if real ale is temporarily unavailable for any of the following reasons:
 - A missed or wrong delivery
 - Unexpectedly high levels of trade leading to beers running out with no replacements available
 - A cask being changed
 - Breakdown of equipment
 - Any other exceptional circumstances that may arise on an unplanned and irregular basis.

Byelaw 4: AGM Business (adopted 18 October 2017)

The business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of the branch shall include:

1. Seek from the members present endorsement of the proposed Beer Festival Treasurer and Beer Festival Health and Safety Manager for the following festival.

