



# The Constitution of Café Scientifique Romsey

(<https://www.cafscientifiqueromsey.com/>)

An Unincorporated Association and part of the international network  
of similar Café Scientifique groups (<http://cafscientifique.org/>)

## Purpose

The Café Scientifique network describes its groups as follows:

*A Café Scientifique is a forum for the discussion of current work and interesting scientific issues. Cafes are informal and accessible.*

## Aims and objectives

The objective of CafSciRom is to increase the general public's understanding of science, technology and medicine.

## Activities

This objective shall be pursued through the organisation of talks and events that are given by experts in their specialist field. The organisation of a talk by CafSciRom does not imply that CafSciRom endorses the opinions of the speaker.

## Membership

CafSciRom has no membership but maintains a list of people who are interested in attending such talks and events.

## Organisation

CafSciRom shall be run by a small Committee (no less than 4 members) who find suitable well-qualified speakers, arrange a venue and advertise the talks to people around Romsey. The Committee shall ensure that audiovisual equipment is available and operated safely.

The Committee shall meet at least annually for a general meeting to assess the finances, future programme, and discuss any other issues that might affect the smooth running of CafSciRom meetings

## Finances

In line with the principles of Café Scientifique, CafSciRom may request a donation from each person who attends a meeting so as to cover the running costs of the group, the hire of the venue and any refreshments provided. CafSciRom shall have a bank account in which the balance of funds shall be held. Any surplus accumulated may be used for the promotion of the public understanding of science in the Romsey area and for the purchase of any equipment required for the effective running of CafSciRom meetings. The accounts shall be overseen by the committee.

## Communication and outreach

CafSciRom shall use appropriate means such as e-mail, a web site and social media to communicate with those interested in attending CafSciRom's meetings. It shall take appropriate steps to ensure GDPR compliance.

## Mechanism for winding up

If, for any reason, CafSciRom should become considered non-viable by a majority of the committee, those who attend the meetings shall be notified. Upon winding up any physical assets belonging to CafSciRom shall then be disposed of and the proceeds together with the balance held in the bank shall be disbursed so as to benefit local organisations which share the objectives of CafSciRom of promoting the public understanding of science and/or science education. The bank account shall then be closed.

Dated 1 February 2026

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