



# CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

### 1. CHILDREN

Local children and young people will be encouraged to be involved as fully as possible with active participation from the local school(s) and youth group(s). A Child Protection policy will be formulated and adopted in conjunction with the school or youth group and the appropriate authorities will check anyone leading school or youth activities.

### 2. COMMUNITY

All sectors of the community will be encouraged to participate and local expertise and skills will be used and shared wherever possible. To ensure this, an Equal Opportunities policy will be put in place.

### 3. MANAGEMENT

A Steering Group will manage the project and all risk associated with it in accordance with the Constitution attached (as varied from time to time) and uphold this Code of Good Practice. The majority of Steering Group members will be local residents.

### 4. OWNERSHIP

The Steering Group will manage the land, which is the subject of the project for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Steering Group will endeavour to secure ownership of the land or to acquire legal rights therein for the community, in so far as the community does not already own or possess such rights. All legal rights will be held in trust for the benefit of the community in accordance with this Code of Practice and the Constitution.

### 5. TREES, SHRUBS and other PLANTS

Only native and naturalised species of trees, shrubs and other flora will be planted - to enhance the traditional landscape, provide a rich haven for wildlife and increase biodiversity. Where possible, local provenance will be used.

### 6. SUSTAINABILITY

The project will strive to become fully sustainable:

- **Environmentally** – by using traditional silviculture and countryside management practices, a 'no chemical' policy, (unless previously agreed with GLT and for a specific reason) environmentally friendly materials and structures sympathetic to their surroundings.
- **Socially** – by making the project enjoyable, engendering community spirit and making sure that knowledge and skills are passed on to successive generations.
- **Financially** – by keeping administration simple, costs low and ensuring that skills needed are developed within the community.

### 7. GLOBAL KINSHIP

An environmental link will be made with a community from somewhere else in the world to share conservation ideas and promote positive and sustainable ways of living.