



# *The St James Village Orchard Project*

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

1 The St. James Village Orchard Project (“the project”) is committed to using environmentally sustainable growing practices in the establishment and care of the orchard, to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment wherever possible, and to using the project to educate all suppliers, users and beneficiaries of the orchard in environmentally sound practices and behaviour.

### SCOPE OF POLICY

2 All committee members, villagers, advisors, volunteers, suppliers and contractors

### PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

3 The overall aims are to provide strategic guidance on sound environmental principles to all those involved in the design, planning, construction, maintenance and use of the St. James Village Orchard.

### ELEMENTS OF THE POLICY

4 The policy aims will be achieved by:

- Buying only the capital and consumable items that are actually needed, and ensuring where possible these and related services are locally sourced and fairly traded and made from
- Wherever possible using recycled and/or environmentally friendly materials
- Minimising the use of office consumables
- Using organic or untreated pest and disease resistant varieties
- Following organic pest and disease control procedures
- Using organic fertilisers if needed

- Using rainwater for irrigation as a preference
- Composting orchard waste on-site wherever possible, especially leaf drop and hedge trimmings
- Promoting cycling, walking, the use of public transport and car sharing where possible by those involved in the construction, management and use of the orchard.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

5 Responsibility for implementing this policy lies with the project committee. However, all employees, members and users villagers, advisors, volunteers, suppliers and contractors of the project will be guided and expected to support the policy's principles.

6 If modifications to the project need to be introduced in support of this policy these will planned, approved and implemented by the project committee.

## **MONITORING**

7 The policy will be reviewed annually, any general information gained relating to the content and operational effectiveness of the policy will be brought to this review.

**Date of Policy:**

**Signed:**

**Date of next review:**